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OVERALL COMMANDER FOR HK

General Festing To Head Joint Defence Forces MORE REINFORCEMENTS

London, June 22.

The British Ministry of Defence announced today that Lieutenant-General F. W. Festing would be the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief at Hong Kong.

Earlier, the appointment of an overall Commander of British forces in Hong Kong was announced in the House of Commons by the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

The Minister said that the Commander would direct the naval, army and air units assigned to the defence of Hong Kong.

SECOND ATTACK ON ANCHISES BY NATIONALISTS

Shanghai, June 22.

Although lying helpless in the Whangpoo River about seven miles from downtown Shanghai, the Blue Funnel 8,200 ton liner Anchises was again attacked this morning by a Nationalist P-51.

This was revealed by Captain J. E. Watson and members of his crew when Reuter visited the damaged vessel this afternoon after a ten mile journey by taxi, tramcar, bus and sampan.

Members of the crew said that they expected the attacks to be continued tomorrow.

Captain Watson, who is from Cork, Southern Ireland, asked Reuter to give this message to his people: "I am all right. I hope to see it out. To me, after six years of war, this incident comes as a very unpleasant item."

The captain revealed that there were only three casualties as a result of yesterday's attack. Thomas Edwards, aged 18, deck boy of 37, Lancaster Road Liverpool 5. He has been brought to hospital in Shanghai and his condition is satisfactory.

T. D. Mothershill, first officer. He is from Bedford, Yorks. He sustained minor injuries to his ankle. None of the casualties is serious. It was explained.

Damage to the ship is so excessive the captain believed that it will cost £250,000 to take about two months to complete the repairs. Every single engine has to be brought to Shanghai for repairs. All the Anchises' passengers were permitted to come ashore in Shanghai today.

Skeleton Crew

The captain will ask the authorities to permit him to maintain a skeleton crew aboard and will try to get the other men ashore. He said: "It is impossible to imagine why we were attacked. We have no military value. This is certainly beyond a nuisance."

He thought that protests were of no avail because they were strayed again this morning. Captain Watson revealed that a Nationalist P-51 flew low to machine-gun the ship lying unprotected off Gough Island and listing badly to the right.

The Weather

At 0000 GMT, (8 p.m. HKST) the typhoon now centred over the sea at 23°N, 115°E, moving N.W. at 10 knots. A trough of low pressure extends S.W. from it to Formosa and thence across the South China Sea to the shallow depression over Tonkin.

Today's Forecast—Moderate ENE winds, fair.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 81.2 deg. F. Minimum 76.5 deg. F. Sunshine 3.5 hours. Rainfall 0.1 mm. (0.004 in. Total since 1-4-49) 1.1 mm. (0.043 in.) against an average of 38.8 mm. (1.528 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m. on June 22.

Bar. at sea level	1005.7	1005.3 m.b.
Dew pt.	26.7	26.4 deg. C.
Rel. Humidity	69	72 %
Wind	10	10 deg. F.
Wind Direction	8	8
Wind Force	11	11 knots
Time	11	11
High	1010.5	1010.5
Low	1004.5	1004.5

"Hello" From
Australia



Beryl James, 24-year-old "Miss Australia," who was chosen from among 1,000 entrants as the Commonwealth's "ideal woman," smiles as she arrives at Tilbury in the liner Orca. She will tour Britain and the Continent, visiting South Africa on her way home. —AP Photo.

Heavy Loss Of Life In Japan From Typhoon

Tokyo, June 22.

The Japanese government said today that 1,086 persons were still unaccounted for 12 hours after typhoon "Della" struck Japan. This indicated that the final death toll might run into hundreds, making the typhoon one of the worst disasters in recent Japanese history.

The national police, the most reliable source in tabulating casualties, said in addition to the 1,086 persons missing there were 93 known dead, mostly on land, and 85 injured.

These figures were corroborated by the Kyodo news agency which is in communication with its bureaus in the storm swept area.

The death toll, it is believed, will likely mount with further accounting of ships caught by the storm while at sea.

There was no word yet about the fate of 130 crew members and passengers aboard the inland sea ferry boat, Aoba Maru, which sank during the storm.

Mr. Richard P. Davis, an American CID agent and one of two known survivors of this disaster, said the ship went down "within one minute" after water started to pour in.

He indicated that most of the people aboard the Aoba Maru perished.

Shipping Casualties

Government rescue teams reported a total of 468 vessels "believed lost" and 698 others known to have suffered damage.

The newspaper "Mainichi" headlined "Seventeen hundred vessels lost or damaged."

The typhoon, with 100 m.p.h. winds, hitting from the South, cut a path of destruction Northward up Japan's Southernmost Kyushu Island, blew into the Japan Sea and rapidly dissipated.

The skies over Tokyo are now clear and the weather authorities predicted no further damage.

"Della" dealt death and destruction in varying degrees to about one-half of the total area of the Japanese Islands. Police reports said crop damage resulting from more than 112,000 acres deluged and wind-swept farmlands is likely to be serious.

The same source reported that landslides occurred at 69 places and the rail service was cut at a dozen points. Communication with the storm areas was still only partly restored. It was reported that roads were blocked at 1,410 places and 570 bridges washed away.

A total of 1,018 homes were reported demolished and it was reported that over 1,000 others were badly damaged. Thirty-nine persons were reported washed away in the storm.

Peasants Revolt Against Reds

Nanking, June 22.

Communist troops have suppressed scattered peasant revolts in Anhwei and Kiangsu provinces, the Communist Hsin Hua news agency reported today.

Dispatches from Hotel, provincial capital of Anhwei, said the uprisings were led by Nationalist secret agents, local bandits and landlords.

The rebels were declared to have been organized at some points into a "sword association." Following Communist occupation of the region, the rebels seized grain and destroyed highway bridges.

Seven Communist Government officials were reported killed at Wukiang, 20 miles South West of Nanking, at Mengcheng, 150 miles North West of Nanking, at Fuyang, 180 miles North West of Nanking, and at Shihai, to the North of Nanking.

Led By Landlord

The Hsin Hua news agency reported the rebellion in early May was led by landlord Li Hung-kwei in the Mengcheng region.

Communist militia stationed at Fuyang was said to have completely crushed this uprising, killing Li Hung-kwei and capturing 760 rebels.

The agency said Communist authorities attempted to use propaganda to pacify the population and this resulted in many leaving the "sword association." It reported the more stubborn rebels were killed or captured.

These official dispatches are the first confirmation of rumours carried here by travellers of peasant uprisings in Kiangsu and Anhwei. Travellers said weather peasants had led the revolt and had been supported because of heavy tax levies on the countryside. —Associated Press.

SIR M. K. LO'S MOTION FOR RECONSTITUTED COUNCIL APPROVED

A motion for a new, reconstituted Legislative Council for Hong Kong, consisting of six Official and 11 Unofficial members, tabled by Sir Man-kam Lo in Legislative Council yesterday, was unanimously approved by all the Unofficial members.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, informed the Unofficial members that the motion should be forwarded to the Secretary of State for his decision.

Sir Man-kam's motion was an amendment to Mr. Landale's motion in April which envisaged a legislature of 20 members, consisting of nine Officials, including the Governor, and 11 Unofficials.

The amended motion provided that of the 11 unofficial members, six shall be Chinese and five non-Chinese. Of the six Chinese members four would be elected and two nominated by the Governor. Of the five non-Chinese members, two would be elected and three nominated by the Governor (one of whom shall be a Portuguese if the elected members do not include a Portuguese).

The electorate would be confined to British subjects and there would be separate elections of Chinese candidates by Chinese electors and non-Chinese candidates by non-Chinese electors.

The Governor would have an original and a casting vote and the usual reserve power.

Sir Man-kam, Lo, introducing his motion, said it was to test public opinion on two points, namely, whether the Young Plan should be abandoned, and in the alternative should the constitution of the Legislative Council be amended along the lines he had indicated.

Public reaction so far had been confused. The Council of Women had indicated that they supported the Landale motion. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Kowloon Residents Association, were not at one. The two newly-formed Reform Clubs held conflicting views.

Some of their views have been valuable and helpful. There were others which were not helpful and not going to comment on them.

The question was to what extent did the views so expressed represent the views of the inhabitants as a whole? It was not easy to say even how representative they were of each organization. Each of the Reform Clubs might have a few hundred members, while all the organizations combined could hardly have a total membership of more than 10,000. Yet it could not be denied that they represented an important cross-section of the community.

Majority In Favour
Taking the views so far expressed, Sir Man-kam Lo said, it seemed that a substantial majority was in favour of his motion but opinions differed on three points, namely, (1) whether all members should be elected; (2) the nature of the electorate; and (3) whether the Young Plan, as such, should be abandoned.

Dealing first with point (3) Sir Man-kam Lo said it could not be seriously disputed that the functions of the Municipal Council under the Young Plan were not substantially greater in scope or in importance than those discharged by the present Urban Council, whose unofficial members were really doing more work than the public knew.

"My motion," continued Sir Man-kam, "does not contemplate the abandonment of the idea of having a Municipal Council, but it does contemplate the abandonment of the idea of the immediate creation of a Municipal Council. This immediate creation has certain obvious disadvantages. For instance, under the Young Plan, many problems were left to be decided by a commission as suggested in paragraph 33 of Sir Mark Young's Despatch. Moreover there would inevitably be considerable duplication of offices involving a much more expensive Government which would be maintained by a gradual expansion."

"This motion implicitly recognises that the Urban Council, like other organs of Government, must evolve in orderly development and progress to meet the changing views and aspirations of the people. It envisages a gradual expansion of the Urban Council leading ultimately to municipal status and with a franchise that may be as wide as that proposed by Sir Mark Young, and that in this expansion the new Legislature will have a decisive say. This seems to me to be obviously sound if we are to have a new Legislature, and, moreover, it will obviate any possible suggestion at some future date that the Young Plan is a form of constitutional reform was imposed on the Colony against its will."

"To me the great merit of the Young Plan is that it was conceived as a testing and experimental prelude to more substantial constitutional reforms. It follows that if this prelude will disappear if a more substantial constitutional reform is contemplated by this motion can take place immediately. But it does command general acceptance. Those of us who feel that the Young Plan is not an acceptable measure at the present time can only hope that there will result in a substantial measure of general acceptance of the alternative including the vexed question of the electorate at the Legislative Council level."

The Electorate
"I now come to the alternative, including the questions as to whether all the members of the Legislative Council are to be elected, and the nature of the electorate."

"When Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain and thereby became a Crown Colony, the fundamental basis of its constitution was a complete control of its affairs by the Colonial Office through the Governor, and when a Legislature was granted, it was granted on the basis of an official majority and with nominated members."

Apart from any question as to the degree of control on the part of the population as a whole to take a part in the government of their own affairs—a question which answers itself with the passage of years—the fundamental consideration which shaped this form of Government was of course that the Government must be one which should concern itself with the welfare of the Colony as a whole and without sectional or racial prejudice or distinction, and in which the Unofficial Members, since no electorate could be devised to do justice to all sections of the community, should be

nominated to represent the interests of the Colony as a whole. I suggest this was the fundamental idea. I do not say this has been realised to the full at times. (Continued On Page 11)

CAF Plans Raid Red Positions

Canton, June 22.

Government planes were action yesterday bombing strafing Communist positions in North Fukien around Tien, along the Kan River, between Fengcheng and Hsien, and along the Chekiang railway.

The Kuomintang Central Agency said that troop concentrations, Jeeps and vehicles, and in the river were attacked with devastating results.

The fighting on land was the North West front on June 21 when Nationalist forces launched a contingent of Communist reinforcements in East Shensi back to Hsien.

Central News said that Government forces from Shensi were in Hsien and near Chuchi, on the border.

Other Nationalist troops are still pressing on Shien and Hsien in Central Shensi, said news agency.

Reuter says that the town Hsienlong, 20 miles West of Changsha, is reported to be partly under Communist control. There is, however, reliable confirmation of report. —Associated Press.

REINFORCEMENT FOR MACAO

Lisbon, June 22.

The Portuguese government ordered two battalions of African troops from its African colony of Angola to reinforce the garrison of Macao, the government announced last night.

An earlier plan to send a force of Portuguese troops to Macao was cancelled last night after the governor reported Macao would be unable to house them. —United Press.



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Forces' Welfare

Sir.—With reference to your recent editorial referring to the welfare of H. M. Forces stationed in Hong Kong, it is considered by the undersigned that the local Government should act on behalf of the local population, grant Duty Free concessions on the following goods—Cigarettes & Tobacco, Beer, Wines & Spirits and Toilet Articles.

It would mean a considerable weekly saving for the underpaid servicemen, loss of revenue to be borne by the local Taxpayer, which would mean that the majority of the local population would be doing their little bit to lighten the burden of our friend the serviceman.

I am sure that if immediate action was taken in this direction, it would be greatly appreciated by all ranks of H. M. Forces.

C. H. M. L.

Local Football

Sir.—Having followed the very revealing and interesting articles on football and the Hong Kong Football Association in your recent issues, I think it is high time that an official inquiry into the state of football in this Colony be carried out.

I suggest that a thorough purge be made of the aristocratic and reactionary elements in the organisation that controls football here.

During the football season, there have been reports of key matches being fixed to suit the convenience of certain clubs and also reports of favouritism in penalising one club for breach of regulations and allowing others to indulge in the same irregularities at will.

Key betting at important matches has also been reported. In fact, certain individuals, strutting in front of the public stands at football games, have been heard offering odds openly.

An inquiry should be held and the entire Hong Kong Football Association should be reorganised.

LITTLE MAN.

Price Of Cement

Sir.—In view of the increasing availability in the local market of cement, both British and Continental, at prices well below that of the local product, and in view also of the extremely handsome profit of \$3,502,025.80 made by the Green Island Cement Co. for the year ended December, 1948, will the Public Relations Officer be pleased to confirm, or deny, the existence upon the Statute Books of the Colony of a pre-war Ordinance under the terms of which not less than 50 per cent of the cement used in Government works is required to be the product of the company mentioned?

If this Ordinance does in fact exist, is Government prepared in the interests of public economy to take steps for its repeal?

We may point out that all building plans and specifications being subject to approval by the Director of Public Works and imported cement being at present used in private construction work, it necessarily follows that im-

ported cement must be considered to conform to Government's requirements in the matter of specification.

"W."

Shipments From Japan

Sir.—With reference to the PRO's letter of the 19th inst., does he know that there are accounts for shipment, arrived in early May, that have not been dealt with yet?

Surely not due to the late arrival of the mail but due to the slow rates dealing with the accounts.

HATA.

Squatters Given Ten Days' Grace

The Governor-in-Council has given the Tam Kung Road (near the Kai Tak airfield) squatter colony 10 days' grace to move out of the area.

An official statement said that the petition by the 3,413 squatters against the recent order for the clearance of the area was considered and refused.

It added that the petition had been refused as there are defence reasons for the clearance of the area in question. Aircraft, civil and military, are endangered by the presence of the huts so near the touch down point and an outbreak of fire might have serious consequences.

The proposed clearance of the 900 squatters' huts has been postponed until July 1, which means that 10 days' grace has been granted to the petitioners.

Some of the affected squatters, owing to length of residence in the Colony and their social and economic status, have been offered sites in approved squatter areas.

The remainder of the squatters will be assisted to return to their homes in China, should they wish to do so, added the statement.

Parted With "Loan" At Gun Point

An account of how a resident of 459 Lockhart Road, third floor, was compelled at gun-point by a kinsman to hand over HK\$2,000 as a "loan" was related before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Chiui Shung-hau, indicted before a jury of six men and women yesterday, is also alleged to have terrified his victim into signing documents purporting to legalise the transaction.

Chiui is standing trial together with Chiui Chau on one count each of robbery and possession of arms and ammunition. First accused is additionally charged with three more counts comprising one each of wounding with intent, shooting with intent, and possession of 14 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. Percy Chen is defending both accused instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, is conducting the case for the prosecution assisted by Detective Inspector J. R. Sykes.

CHINESE CC MEETING

The standing committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting at the end of June, it was learned yesterday. It was said that at the meeting, members of the Chamber will bring in their opinions which will be decided and be petitioned to the Colonial Secretary.

Kai Tak Topics

Mr. John Barthrop, General Manager of the United States Line, Pacific Service, arrived by PAA from Tokyo yesterday.

Mr. Barthrop will be stopping in the Colony for about two weeks before proceeding to Manila on his company's business.

Two Alaska Airlines planes took off from Kai Tak yesterday with full loads for Vancouver.

The Alaska is flying immigrants and DP's to the United States via Canada.

Noel Grant, formerly of Jardines, is now serving with Alaska as purser. Noel has made two flights to Canada and left the Colony on Tuesday for Anchorage, Alaska's base.

It looks like Chuck Gorry, AP photographer, was wasting a lot of steam after all, according to what the PAA told us yesterday.

Chuck was booked on the Monday afternoon PAA flight to Tokyo. Arriving at the airport he was told that the plane could not take him because of weather reasons and when we met him in Mrs. Gee's cafeteria he told us the story and was not very happy.

It turned out however, that PAA came to him after we left, that everybody was going on the flight after all. That must have made him as happy that he forgot to inform us.

Talking of the PAA, C. Baynam, (formerly of Shanghai) their airport traffic officer, could easily do a couple of radio announcements out of a job.

Cy's perfect announcing through Minnie the milk, leaves no one with any excuse to miss his PAA passenger's call.

You will think all cats are the same until you meet Susie, the Kai Tak Tuxedo cat. It is true that Susie does not enjoy the world wide publicity of either "Nat Gubbins" (the well-chained) or her American boy-friend, the Manhattan Mouser, (the Yank play-cat).

But Susie doesn't need to associate with any cat or his ash cans; her diet is exclusively chicken and ham sandwiches washed down with milk shake, strawberry flavour, as Mrs. Gee would testify.

Sardine cans?—Susie can afford to sniff disdainfully at them, and she does.

Personalia

Mr. D.J. Gahan left for Swatow yesterday by the ss Hunan.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included General and Mrs. E.K. Moy, Mrs. D. Haskins, Messrs. Lee Fook-lin, T.J. O'Sullivan, L.R. Hodges, R.W. Priestwood, J. Mowen, M.W. Cock, M. Annis, and Nobuo Hayashi.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Thurber, Mrs. P.M. Hayke, Mrs. R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. P.S. Shih, Messrs. H.W. Arnold, and J. Rios.

Messrs. H.D. Beeby, R.D. Morrell and A.J. Mann left for Amoy yesterday by the ss Kwelyang.

DOGMEAT SELLER CHARGED

A dogmeat seller was charged at Kowloon yesterday with keeping seven dogs without a license and unlawfully possessing a stolen dog on three counts.

During a police raid on 365, Reclamation Street, first floor, the prosecution alleged seven unlicensed dogs were found in the possession of Mnk Yi, aged 48.

Also found with the seven dogs were one Alsatian dog, one Alsatian bitch and one black chow bitch believed to have been stolen.

The case was adjourned to Saturday.

A fine of \$400 was imposed on Cheung Tat-hon, aged 39, public car driver, by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday on a charge of driving a car without due care and attention.

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SHIPPING FIRMS TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS

Local shipping firms have not yet been officially informed of Royal Navy protection to British vessels at the mouth of the Yangtze. Until they receive official notice from the Hong Kong authorities British ships and other foreign vessels will not clear for Shanghai from the Colony.

"We will discuss the delicate but complicated circumstances which would inevitably arise should we decide to take a chance. Insurance will be the main problem," shipping officials declared when approached yesterday.

Taiwan Groups Attack KMT

A further attack on the Kuomintang Government of China was made by 10 Formosan (Taiwan) political organisations in Hong Kong yesterday.

The parties also appealed to the democratic nations to proclaim Taiwan a neutral state and to demand the repatriation of the Kuomintang Chinese from the island.

The statement was signed by the presidents of the Formosan League for Independence, the Formosan Youth League, the New Formosan Women's Association, the Formosan People's League, the Formosan Democratic Reconstruction Association, the Formosan Native League, the Formosan Economic Research Association, the Formosan Literary Association, and the Formosan Students League.

If the Nationalists, said the statement, have actually converted Formosa into their citadel for bombing Red-occupied areas and harassing communication lines along the Red-controlled coast, the Reds, to retaliate, can and will bomb the island and kill more innocent people than refugees war criminals as soon as they have acquired sufficient naval units and aircraft.

Formosa, which at present is de jure non-Chinese territory, as recently admitted by the National Government spokesman, will then be engulfed in the worsening civil war, added the statement.

The Jure National Government of China, though still recognised by foreign nations, has no right to utilise Formosa as a base for its counter-offensive against the Communists any more than on tangle Okinawa and Korea into the KMT-Communist duel, it says.

The status of the island being at present undetermined pending the peace conference for Japan, the country is neutral and should be neutral, said the statement.

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Foreign organisations, including the American, President, Line, United States Line, Royal Inter-ocean Line and Wallam, felt that the protection would only cover ships flying the British flag.

"If the United States and the British authorities get together to discuss joint protection, perhaps American ships may venture into Shanghai waters," an official stated.

The APL Hong Kong Office is awaiting instructions from headquarters from San Francisco, in the meantime, APL vessels will by-pass Communist ports.

The American freighter John Victory, however, left last night for the North to call at Taku Bar, but eliminating Shanghai.

The ship will try to reach the North China Red port but should it prove too hazardous she will by-pass it and continue to Japan.

The John Victory has four foreign passengers aboard. She will load in cargo at Taku Bar.

Another Cancellation

Another local ship cancelled her sailing to Shanghai and Tientsin yesterday. She was the Norwegian freighter Promiss, which despite cancellations by other ships on Tuesday as a result of the Anchises bombing still advertised as sailing to Shanghai.

"We received a cable from our agent in Shanghai this morning advising us against taking a chance," the official of the agent, A. P. Pattison, stated last evening.

The British firm Jardine, Matheson, is awaiting developments in the Shanghai area. All Shanghai and Tientsin sailings, however, have been cancelled.

The Wingsan, originally cleared for Shanghai, leaves today for Formosa.

The "JM" steamer Chankong, expected to arrive here on June 28, is at present in China waters.

Sailings from Hong Kong to Communist ports have not been contemplated for the time being.

The Director of Marine declared that the Marine Office has not stopped arms from procuring clearances for Shanghai.

"It is not up to our department to refuse them. The responsibility lies with the shipper himself," Mr. N. Garland said when approached.

"If a ship wants to take chance, we cannot stop her," he remarked.

ARMED ROBBERY NEAR TAIPO

Shortly after 4 p.m. on Tuesday a gang of robbers ransacked 11 huts in Pong Sheung village, East of Taiipo.

Two of the robbers were armed with revolvers and after holding up the occupant, robbed them of a total sum of \$1,700.

The robbers escaped and up to late last night no arrest had been made.

CANTON SMALLPOX

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton on account of smallpox have been removed.

Pakhoi Returns Despite Passengers' Protests

Despite the insistence of some 200 Chinese deck passengers to proceed to Shanghai and take a chance, Mr. D. Wilson, master of the British steamer Pakhoi returned to the Colony in answer to instructions from Hong Kong after the Anchises bombing.

"We received a cable at 2 p.m. on Tuesday when we were just off Swatow," Mr. Wilson said on his arrival here yesterday.

The deck passengers caused some agitation when the ship turned round, and sent a written petition to the master requesting to know the reason and insisting that the Pakhoi continue to the North.

"They declared that they would take full responsibility for whatever incident would occur," he said. "It was so absurd."

The passengers will have their fares refunded.

The Pakhoi left the Colony on Monday with 434 mull bags and 1,800 tons of local cargo for Shanghai. She had 13 first-class passengers and 260 deck force.

Most of the steerage class passengers were students and ordinary businessmen.

Said interests

Most of them have said their interests given up their flats or cashed in a major portion of their money, as being cargo up before they left the Colony.

"We have practically lost everything we have saved and job prospects are in Shanghai and I am not prepared to risk my life and the lives of my passengers when I have been told that the ship will be sunk."

Armed Robbers Sentenced

Hard labour terms and strokes of the cane were the punishment meted out to Wong Kau and Wong Ping by Mr. Justice Williams, Judge at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when they were convicted of taking part in an armed robbery.

The jury of six men and one woman, who returned the unanimous verdict of guilty on the two men after deliberating for nearly an hour, acquitted a third accused, Tang Yau-fat.

Wong Ping was given 10 years and 12 strokes, while the second accused was given six years and 12 strokes.

Wong Kau, who in at present serving a sentence of eight years and 12 strokes for armed robbery, will serve the sentence passed on him yesterday when they were convicted of taking part in an armed robbery.

Mr. Percy Chen defended Wong Ping and Tang Yau-fat. The first accused was not legally represented.

Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, conducted the prosecution assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cashman.

The robbery in question occurred on June 27, 1948, at Connaught Road Central, floor, where \$25,000 in monies and jewellery were looted.

In passing sentence on the second accused, Mr. Williams said that he would take into consideration the fact that he had worked for about two years at the counselling factory before he committed the offence.

Application Refused

An application by Mr. Chen that the jury be discharged and a new trial be ordered in respect of the third accused was refused by Mr. Williams on the grounds that the Court could find no authority to show that the jury could be discharged because of evidence volunteered by accused himself which was prejudicial to his case.

Mr. Chen had earlier submitted that the question before the Court was whether or not the jury could be misled by disclosure from accused that he had had a prison record.

He added that it should have been within the knowledge of Crown Counsel that the jury, the accused, who was not a lawyer, he would get a truthful answer.

Mr. Heenan in response told the Court that the accused himself volunteered the evidence in question as to the time in the specific period mentioned by the Crown.

He was unable to find a case that where the accused had volunteered evidence prejudicial to himself, it constituted a ground for a jury to be discharged, Mr. Heenan stated.

Yesterday's report it was inadvertently stated that Mr. A. el Arculi was instructing Mr. Chen for Wong Ping, the second accused. In fact, Mr. Arculi worked for the third accused, Tang Yau-fat, and not Wong Ping, whose solicitor was Mr. J. C. Stewart. We regret any inconvenience caused to the parties concerned.

ALLEGED TAXI ROBBER REMANDED

Chan Hon-chuen, alias Lo Kwok-hung, alias Chuen Tsi, aged 21, alleged to have held up at least three taxi drivers with a toy revolver and robbed them, was brought before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

He was arrested by the Police at a pawnshop in Wanchoi when he was alleged to have attempted to pawn a watch.

The youth faces four charges, one of robbing a taxi driver of \$4 and three of robbing three other taxi-drivers on different occasions of \$12, and two watches, while being armed with a toy pistol.

Mr. Heenan, the prosecuting officer, defendant was remanded in jail custody for two weeks.

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Reminders

Today

Y's Men's Club, talk on "Education" by Mr. Lim Hay-lan, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
RAF Association, luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Post-war British Shipping" by Commander R. A. C. Beeching, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. (June 30 meeting will be closed)
Union Church Ladies Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.
Boys' and Girls Clubs Association, annual general meeting, St. John's Cathedral hall, 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship, CCC, PKC, HKFC, Recreation, KCC, KLCG.
League Tennis A Division, men and women.

WEDDING AT ROSARY CHURCH

Miss Lydia Maria Sequeira became the bride of Mr. Leonardo M. Remedios at the Rosary Church yesterday. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Fr. de Angelis.
Misses Irene Sequeira and Cissy Passos were the bridesmaids and Misses Gloria Ribeiro and Loretta Azevedo the flower-girls.
Mr. G. A. Noronha was the bridegroom's best man and Mr. H. R. Pinna the bride's.
The newly-weds left for Repulse Bay later in the day for the honeymoon.

TRADE MARK CASES HEARD IN COURT

Wong On of the Nam Sing knitting factory was summoned before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on four summonses of possessing copied trade marks (in paper and cloth labels) and manufactured goods, namely singlets, on which trade marks resembling those rights reserved by the Kingford Knitting and Weaving Factory, were printed, with intent to deceive.

He was also charged with having instruments fit for printing the paper trade mark labels.

He pleaded guilty and at the suggestion of Mr. Y. H. Chang, representing the complainant which was the other knitting factory, he was invited to choose whether he wanted to be tried summarily or before a jury.

Defendant chose summary trial and was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000.

No American Evacuees In USS Repose

The United States Navy hospital ship Repose may leave the Colony by the end of the month. It could not be confirmed officially last night that she will clear port for the United States via Manila on Saturday.

The Repose was here on instructions from the USN to stand by and provide temporary accommodation for American evacuees from China.

Until now no evacuees have yet taken advantage of the offer. Only 35 regular American servicemen are under treatment aboard the hospital ship, which is equipped with the most up-to-date medical facilities.

FINED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

A fine of \$1,000 or six months' imprisonment was imposed at Central yesterday on Wong Fook, aged 40, charged with possessing dutiable liquor, distilling without a permit, possession of apparatus and possession of fermenting material.

Revenue Officer D. Knox, prosecuting, said that on June 21, a party of revenue officers raided Chee Joo Ling. Defendant was standing near a still on the hillside.

When arrested, defendant struggled and tore his shirt. He immediately slipped off his shirt and escaped, but was re-arrested.

The prosecuting officer went on to say that when defendant was re-arrested, he said to one of the revenue officers: "I give you some money. This was not accepted."

Defendant was then taken to the Police Station. (Two bottles of liquor, 30 gallons of water and a still were seized and are being held for analysis.)

A new scheme—based on Mr. D. F. Landale's original proposals but with modified qualifications in respect of the electoral roll—for re-constituting the existing Legislative Council has been submitted to the Governor by the Reform Club of Hong Kong.

The Reform Club's plan, sent in the form of a petition, asks that the present draft of the Municipal Council Ordinance be rejected and that the Legislative Council be re-constituted on the basis of Mr. Landale's suggestions of an Unofficial majority of two on the ratio of 11 to nine.

The Unofficial number of 11, it is proposed, should be composed of five Britons, one Portuguese of British nationality, and five Chinese of British nationality.

Three of the Unofficials are to be nominated by the Governor and eight are to be elected by a joint electoral roll composed of British subjects and Hong Kong Citizens. The only basic difference between Mr. Landale's suggestions and the Reform Club's scheme concerns the qualifications of the electors.

Whereas Mr. Landale's plan requires all voters to be of British nationality, the Reform Club proposes the creation of Hong Kong Citizens of any nationality, who are to be eligible to vote in addition to British subjects.

The Reform Club has asked the Governor to accord full approval to the Motion tabled by the Unofficial Members in the Legislative Council for a re-constitution of the Legislative Council and the formation under the name of the re-constituted Legislative Council of an improved Municipal Council Scheme.

The Club's petition requests the immediate re-constitution of the Legislative Council, assuming office at the earliest available opportunity as an Interim Council for a period of 12 to 18 months. It adds that it is generally and unanimously recognised that the Colony of Hong Kong is in a particularly anomalous position in that a very large majority of the

population is of Chinese nationality. It is therefore felt that if any alternative scheme could be advanced to meet the anomalous state of Hong Kong's population and to constitute no infringement of the principle that the right to vote should entail a corresponding equal ratio duty or obligation, the constitutional viewpoint of British nationality should be waived in favour not only of the real democratic interests of Hong Kong, but also of its internal and external security.

Eligibility To Vote

As regards eligibility to vote, the petition states that British subjects must have been resident in the Colony 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election.

The qualifications for inclusion in the Hong Kong Citizens Register should be as follows:

(i) The citizen must have been resident in Hong Kong for a period of at least five years (not including the period of the Japanese Occupation and without discounting temporary absence during the five year period) before the date of registration.

(ii) On proof of such residence and before registration as a Hong Kong citizen, the citizen is required to sign a Form of Undertaking expressing his desire to uphold the interests of the British Colony of Hong Kong as of paramount importance and his willingness to safeguard the security of the Colony by way of such services as may be required by the Government of this Colony. On the execution of this Form of Undertaking, the citizen would be granted or issued a Hong Kong Citizens' Certificate, carrying with it certain privileges.

The registration of the Hong Kong citizens for the purpose of the election to the Interim Legislative Council is to close one month after the whole Scheme has been put into effective operation but is to continue for the next 12 months thereafter ensuring that the enlarged Legislative Council envisaged.

The final Legislative Council envisaged after expiry of the interim period will embrace the important difference that all Unofficial members are to be elected, in lieu of nominated, subject of course to the Governor's emergency powers of re-election of any elected representative.

Citizenship Privileges

Possessors of a Hong Kong Citizens Certificate will be entitled to the following citizenship privileges:

(a) the right to obtain on application, 12 months after the granting of the Certificate, naturalisation as a British Subject;

(b) Educational privileges for the children of such Hong Kong Citizens;

(c) Preferential hardship as a matter of right in Tenancy Tribunal disputes;

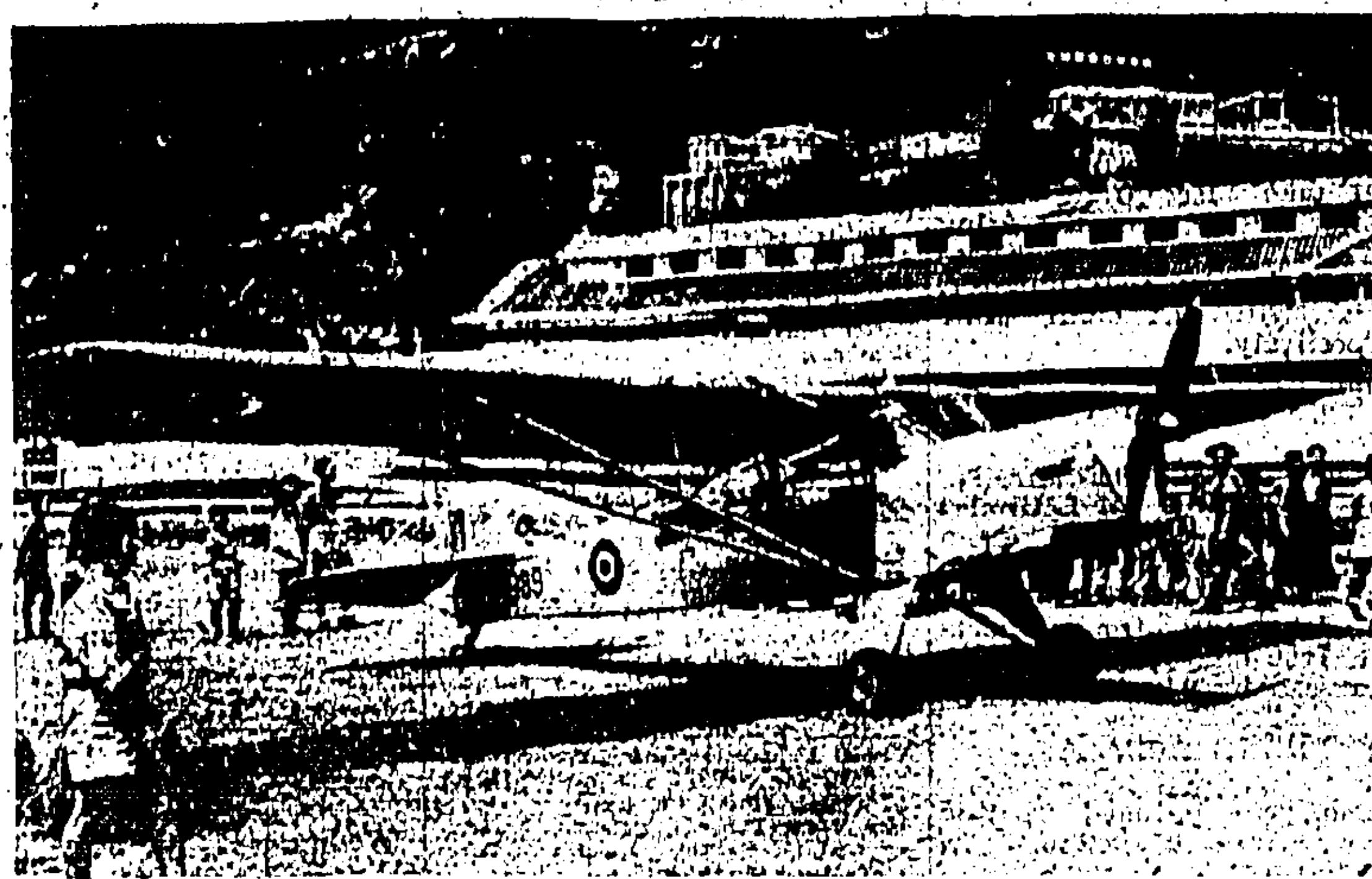
(d) Any other similar privileges usually according to and forming an incident of citizenship.

The petition adds that if approval is accorded to the Scheme, not only will the Colony have extended modern democratic principles of government to its citizens, but the genuine Hong Kong citizen will be made to feel that he "belongs" in this Colony and is part and parcel of its constitution and framework.

The petition concludes with the hope that in the years to come there will be built up on the basis of the Hong Kong Citizens Register, a large and loyal body of true citizens of this British Colony of Hong Kong, who will have at heart the interest and security of this Colony as a paramount and overriding interest.

The petition was signed by Messrs. Charles Losby, Chairman, Brook Bernacchi, M. A. da Silva, J. H. d'Almeida Remedios, Thomas Archdale Martin, Frank Ernest Skinner, Ruston Pestoni, James Leachlan McIntyre, Reginald Arthur Webb, Bernard Francis Warman and Ma Man-fai.

RAF Landing Tests



Further tests were carried out by the RAF yesterday in making emergency landings on the Island. Here is one of the RAF planes, an Auster reconnaissance craft, which landed at the Race Course, Happy Valley, yesterday.—"China Mail" Photo.

RAF Plane Lands Inside Race Course

At 11 a.m. yesterday, a silvered coloured Auster reconnaissance plane made a perfect three-point landing inside the Race Course at Happy Valley as hundreds of passers-by stood transfixed.

As the plane came to a halt, the pilot and an RAF orderly were seen rising from the cockpit.

Buildings Ordinance Passed

The Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, which prescribes alternative penalties to removal, for architects whose conduct is brought before the Governor in Council, was passed into law yesterday.

Three new Bills had their first reading. They were:

The Supreme Court (Emergency) (Repeal) Ordinance 1949 which repeals the emergency legislation of 1946 allowing solicitors to appear at the Supreme Court. The reason given for the repeal is that there is now an adequacy of barristers practising in the Colony.

The British Nationality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance 1949, which brings the Colony in line with the British Nationality Act 1948.

The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance 1949, brings mechanically propelled vessels used for fishing within the class of crafts liable to payment of anchorage fees.

ENTERTAINMENT OF SERVICE PERSONNEL

Local residents who wish to get in touch with Service personnel can do so by writing to the Entertainment of Service Personnel Committee, which should communicate with Staff Captain, Welfare at Combined Services Headquarters, Telephone 34121; Extension 31.

Strawberries Flown To HK From Canada

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Chinese Soldiers Expelled

Nine Chinese soldiers were ordered by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to be expelled for failing to purchase railroad tickets while travelling on a Kowloon-Canton Railway train from Canton on June 21.

All defendants were also charged with being destitutes in the Colony.

They were arrested on the platform of the KCR station during checking of tickets.

During the time of their arrest all the men were penniless, without work and abode.

THREE MONTHS FOR THEFT OF COAT

A coolie was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing a canvas coat, valued at \$32.

Tsang Fat, aged 38, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Defendant was arrested on June 21 when he was seen walking away with the coat by two store keepers on Sai Kung Street near Nathan Road.

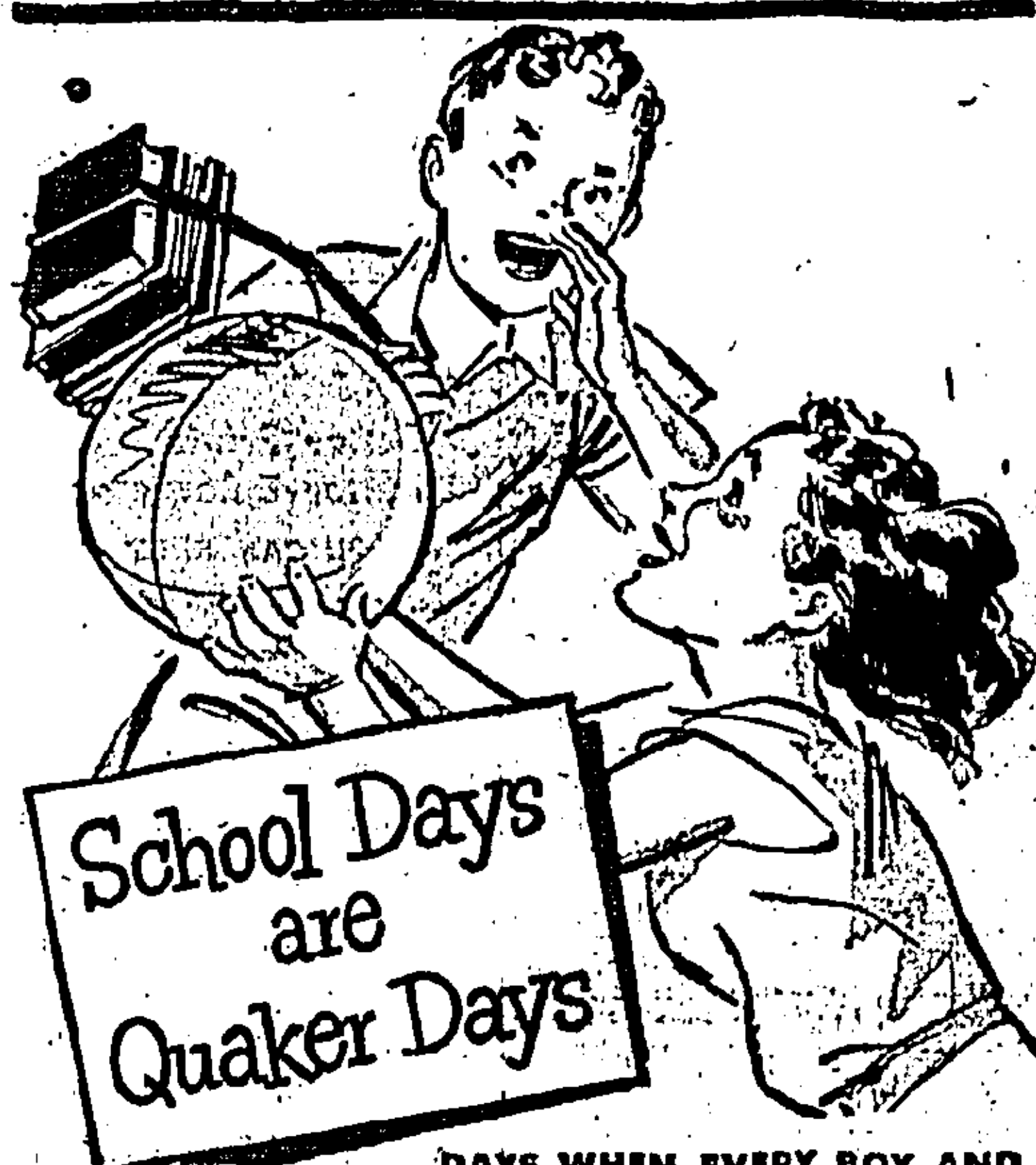
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THURSDAY, JUNE 23

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Formosa via Takao, Noon.
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Amoy, 3 p.m.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 24

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POLICE FORCE

ANNUAL LICENSING OF VEHICLES
FOR PERIOD 4th JULY 1949
TO 13th AUGUST 1949

1. Date of Commencing of Licensing.

Licensing will commence on Monday, July 4, 1949 at 9 a.m. and will continue daily, closing at 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

2. Place of Licensing.

All licensing will take place at Central Police Station, Hollywood Road, entrance from main door in Hollywood Road.

3. Order of Licensing.

Vehicles will be licensed in "Blocks" of 400 per day commencing with Nos. 1—400 on Monday, July 4 and continuing as follows:—

Private Cars & Motor Cycles		
Monday, 4th July	Motor Cars	1—400
	" Cycles	1—150
Tuesday, 5th July	Motor Cars	401—800
	" Cycles	151—300
Wednesday, 6th July	Motor Cars	801—1200
	" Cycles	301—450
Thursday, 7th July	Motor Cars	1201—1600
	" Cycles	451—600
Friday, 8th July	Motor Cars	1601—2000
	" Cycles	601—750
Monday, 11th July	Motor Cars	2001—2400
	" Cycles	751—900
Tuesday, 12th July	Motor Cars	2401—2800
	" Cycles	901—1000
Wednesday, 13th July	Motor Cars	2801—3200
Thursday, 14th July	" "	3201—3600
Friday, 15th July	" "	3601—4000
Monday, 18th July	" "	4001—4400
Tuesday, 19th July	" "	4401—4800
Wednesday, 20th July	" "	4801—5200
Thursday, 21st July	" "	5201—5600
Friday, 22nd July	" "	5601—6000
Monday, 25th July	" "	6001—6400
Tuesday, 26th July	" "	6401—6800
Wednesday, 27th July	" "	6801—7200
Thursday, 28th July	" "	7201—7600
Friday, 29th July	" "	7601—8000
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ATOMIC SECRECY WILL END: AMERICA WARNED

Washington, June 21.

The U. S. Defence Secretary, Louis Johnson, declared today that America should not place too much trust in the mere possession of the atom bomb.

"Within a few short years we may witness the end of this era of atomic secrecy—an era whose end will be signalled by the explosion of some other nation's bomb," he said.

"From that day on our advantage in strategic bombing will rest not in the monopoly possession of

the atom bomb, in our superior stocks, our production capacity and in the effectiveness and quantity required to deliver those bombs."

Mr. Johnson was speaking at the graduation of officers attending the U. S. National War College.

It was his first major policy speech since he became Secretary of Defence and was heard by President Truman and high Government officials.

Self-Preservation
"We have no recourse but to provide for our self-preservation just so long as the attitude of Soviet Russia is animated by concepts which assert that sovereign and independent governments cannot live peacefully as neighbours."

Mr. Johnson described Russia as conspiratorial and despotic.

He frankly acknowledged that since disagreements between the U. S. Army, Navy and Air Force have hampered national defence, but declared that in spite of them, there exists today a readiness and defence potential superior to that of any other power in the nation's peacetime history.

Mr. Johnson, with President Truman's approval, proposed the modernization of two aircraft carriers at a total cost of \$80,000,000. The two carriers, when improved, will increase to eight the total number of vessels capable of launching the heavier types of post-war aircraft, he added.

Mr. Johnson, in making the announcement, departed from his prepared address to the graduating class of the National War College.—Associated Press and Reuter.

New Travel Regulations Drawn Up

Rome, June 21.
World Health Organisation delegates took the first step today to replace outdated sanitary conventions with uniform international regulations governing land, sea and air travel.

Delegates attending the WHO second assembly approved draft regulations out of which a uniform international code is to be drawn for presentation to the organisation's 1951 assembly.

The draft proposal was embodied in a memorandum presented by Professor A. Dejaric de la Riviere, who is a member of the WHO Expert Committee in epidemiology and quarantine.

Uniform international quarantine regulations were envisioned by framers of the WHO constitution.

The only exception to the memorandum considered by the Committee was made by Dr. Nazif Bey of Egypt. He said WHO regulations already approved are to govern Moslem pilgrimages along with other travellers. He was supported by the United Kingdom and Pakistan delegates.—Associated Press.

East Stands In Need Of Assistance

Geneva, June 21.
Mr. Omoo Kumar Das, Minister of Labour of Assam, today stressed the importance that India and other Asian countries attach to President Truman's "Point Four" plan to aid under-developed nations.

Mr. Das told the 61-member International Labour Organisation's conference here that the East stands in need of such assistance.

"The problems of poverty, squalor, ignorance and disease are pressing. Unless the economic and social problems of the under-developed countries can be solved successfully through international co-operation the forces of democracy will be greatly weakened."

"The under-developed countries cannot be expected to attach any importance to a way of life which does not provide a decent livelihood for the people."—Reuter.

Elizabeth's Visit To Channel Is.

Portland, June 21.
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh started a three-day cruise to the Channel Islands today on board the battleship Anson.

"How lucky to have such perfect weather," said the Princess. About 50,000 persons, many of them holiday makers, cheered the Princess and Duke as they drove along the sea to the docks in brilliant hot sun shine.

HMS Anson, escorted by the destroyers Wizard and Robuck, will make their first call at the Island of Alderney, on which the Royal couple will make a motor tour.

On Wednesday the Princess and Duke will visit Jersey where they will watch a fireworks display and on Thursday they will go to Sark and Guernsey.

Guernsey farmers will make the Royal visitors a gift of tomatoes, figs, melons, nectarines, raspberries, strawberries and flowers which will be delivered to HMS Anson on a wagon drawn by four horses.—Associated Press.

FAROUK VISIT TO CYPRUS

Nicosia, June 21.
King Farouk of Egypt has booked a six-room suite in an hotel at Platres for a Cyprus holiday resort, for the summer. He intends to make his holiday in Cyprus, and the date of his arrival and length of stay are unknown.

King Farouk last visited Cyprus in April.—Reuter.

Vatican City, June 21.
Pope Pius XII today received in a 20-minute audience the Indian Public Health Minister and chief Indian delegate to the World Health Organisation Congress here Mr. Rajkumar (Amrit Kaur).—Reuter.

THE WEST HAS MORAL OBLIGATION TO ASSIST ASIANS

London, June 21.

The Pakistan Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, said in London today that Western countries can go a long way towards preserving world peace if they will realise that having exploited Asian countries they now have a moral obligation to assist them.

"Pakistan wants to establish friendly trade relations with every country and also co-operate with all advanced Western countries and, of course, America, in the matter of obtaining technical personnel, know-how and managerial ability, which most Asian countries lack."

"I feel that capitalism as practised in Europe must lend a little less more idealistic and less innately selfish. It must be prepared to invest in the good-will and well-being of the common people though dividends may be a little less."

"Old standards must be revised. Democratic institutions will be in danger if the vast masses of the people of Asia are allowed to live under sub-human conditions without any hope of betterment," he added.

It is a tragedy that Governments should spend such fantastic sums on defence, he said. If they invest one-tenth of the money in bettering the lot of the people, civilisation and the world will be much better.

"Though people in Pakistan are poor, not highly educated and the standard of life is low, they have faith in the development of their country for which they are prepared to make the greatest sacrifices."

Big Potentialities

"We have demonstrated that Pakistan is a practical economic and financial proposition and has great potentialities for development. We have a balanced trade and exchange and a sound currency and definite plans," the Minister added.

Deploping heavy expenditure on defence in Pakistan in the past, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed said that it had been necessary for Pakistan because India was building up large armies and air forces and making other military preparations over Kashmir.

The Pakistan Government defended their country much against their wishes because they wanted to spend all the money they had on bettering "the conditions of the masses. It is a sad thing that so great a sub-continent as India should have been divided in a way that had caused so much hatred."

India failed to supply Pakistan with the goods she had supplied before partition. Pakistan, as a result, has to seek out new sources of supply.

Mutual Benefit

They had learned a lesson which, unfortunately, would cost India a great deal. Before partition India had a very accessible and natural market in Pakistan. She had lost a good part of that market already. Pakistan is now revising her

DISMANTLING IN JAPAN TO STOP

Tokyo, June 22.

The Minister of State, Mr. Kikuchihiro Yamaguchi, announced yesterday that the work of dismantling and repairing machinery in plants designated for reparations will be halted on July 1.

The decision is in keeping with a SCAP directive issued last week, he said.

Mr. Yamaguchi further said that personnel will be cut down, but equipment will be maintained in the present condition.—Reuter.

on the basis of co-operation and mutual benefit. The old days of imperialism, colonialism and exploitation have gone he said.—Reuter.

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TRUMAN'S CRITICISM OF RUSSIAN POLICY

Trying To Return To The Potsdam Period PROGRESS IMPOSSIBLE

Washington, June 21.

President Truman said tonight that the results of the Foreign Ministers Council meeting in Paris underline the necessity of continuing America's foreign policy.

In his statement, issued after conferring with the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the President criticised Russia for failing to recognise progress since Potsdam and, by seeking to return to Potsdam, making real progress towards a German settlement impossible.

Mr. Truman stressed his satisfaction at the close co-operation of the three Western Powers.

He said that this was the demonstration of the progress made possible by the identity of ideals and values which are the common heritage of the peoples of the Atlantic community.

President Truman added: "Regarding Germany it must be frankly admitted that little progress was made."

"I am convinced that the results of the Paris meeting reveal the correctness of the policies this Government has been following in our foreign affairs. The results again underline the necessity of pursuing these policies with calmness and determination, as the only sure road to the establishment of conditions in the world where peace and freedom can live and endure."

Mr. Truman said that the American delegation went to Paris with objective towards Germany which have the support of the German people.

They aimed at a constructive programme which would meet the requirements for all Germany and safeguard the interests of all four Powers in ensuring that Germany would achieve its reconstruction along peaceful and democratic lines.

No Compromise

The Western Powers, he said, were resolved not to compromise the democratic principles required for German unity, nor jeopardise the basic freedoms in Western Germany, merely to obtain a nominal political unity.

"The Soviet Union, on the other hand, sought a return to Potsdam and its system, which the Russians had rendered unworkable by their misuse of the unlimited veto," the President continued.

"They refused to recognise the important progress which has been made in Western Germany since 1945."

In these circumstances, real progress for the unification of Germany and its people was impossible.

The most that could be achieved was a working arrangement designed to mitigate the situation on a still divided Germany.

Summarising the limited agreement which had been made regarding Germany, he emphasised that four-Power consultations will continue in Germany, adding: "We are hopeful that such consultations and efforts may be fruitful. We shall endeavour to make them so."

Relief in Germany, a cautious welcome from Italy and guarded comment from American mar-

reaction today to the agreement. Moscow claimed that definite progress had been made.

Germany is pleased because the agreement indicates that there will be no re-imposition of the Berlin blockade.

Italy's reaction centres around a belief that the Russian rejection of long-standing claims by Yugoslavia on Austria might indicate a change of policy by the Kremlin on this issue.

Reuter telegrams gave this picture of reaction from the world's capitals.

Berlin: Professor Ernst Reuter, "Western" Berlin Lord Mayor, said: "The agreement may give



PRESIDENT TRUMAN

us a chance to normalise our life, but we shall have to see, first, whether the Russians will keep their promises."

The Soviet official "Tagliche Rundschau" wrote: "Everyone is sure to welcome an increase in trade between East and West. It must be emphasised, however, that there is no substitute for a positive solution of European questions aimed at by the Soviet delegation."

The United States official "New York Times" said: "East-West relations have been improved. The outlook for European security and for further peaceful agreement is also hopeful."

A Race For Germany

The British-controlled "Daily Mail" said: "Those of goodwill cannot overlook the achievement that Berlin has not been turned into a Soviet city and that dismembered Germany will trade across the Russian Wall and increase its wealth."

Paris: The French Communist Party's "Humanite" said: "The experience of the past few months seems to have convinced the West that one gains nothing by hanging one's fist on the table."

"L'Aube," the Popular Republican Party newspaper, forecast a race between East and West to absorb Germany. The paper agreed that there had been great progress towards an Austrian treaty.

Moscow: Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, reported the agreement by giving the official communiqué issued in Paris. Mr. Vyshinsky's last minute demand for an addition to the text on profits from Soviet companies in Austria was not mentioned.

"Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, said that though the Ministers did not agree on the basic questions of Germany, definite progress had been made in international co-operation.

New York: The feeling is that real progress has been made towards an Austrian settlement, but that very little has been done to change the situation in Germany, said James Western, the "New York Times" diplomatic correspondent.

One Positive Achievement

"It is recognised that the nearer the Great Powers come to the unification of Germany, the greater will be the fears of France and the greater the difficulty in keeping the Western Powers together on the policy of unification," he wrote.

London: "The Times" submitted that only experience can show whether this is a fall to enable the Cominform to tighten its grip on the shaky regimes in Eastern Europe.

The Liberal "Manchester Guardian" expressed the view that the question of the Austrian treaty was the one positive achievement of the four-Power Paris meeting.

The Labour "Daily Herald" endorsed this view by referring to the agreement on Austria as a major achievement.

A commentator in the Communist "Daily Worker," Malcolm MacEwen, said: "The result of the conference is a victory for the peace policy of the Soviet Union which has striven unceasingly and has now secured a relaxation of the war tension in Europe."—Reuter.

GRUBER WELCOMES AGREEMENT

Paris, June 21.

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Karl Gruber, today welcomed the Big Four agreement on Austria as a definite and concrete step towards peace and termed it a justifiable settlement.

Dr. Gruber said that barring any change in the international situation he is confident that the Four Power deputies will successfully conclude their work on the treaty.

Dr. Gruber, smiling and obviously happy, admitted he had not hoped for such a settlement at the outset of the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers meeting. He attributed the agreement on Austria largely to the better atmosphere and climate between the East and West and predicted that the Council meeting will prove to be a starting point for an "entente" between Russia and the Western powers.

Dr. Gruber said: "Naturally we are very pleased but we do not overlook the fact that there are still some differences and lots of work yet to be done. But very precise decisions on major issues have been taken. The ground is excellent for the deputies to complete the job. If no major change takes place in the international situation, I feel they will."

Forecasting that the Council session may lead to an overall East-West settlement, Dr. Gruber said: "Austria is one of the few countries in Europe where Big Powers could come to an understanding without losing prestige. But it is a proof that the Four Powers can work and live peacefully together."

"It may be a long time before an overall settlement comes between the East and West, but I think it may come."

Asked if he thinks the settlement for Austria is just, Dr. Gruber said: "It is a settlement which can be justified. Of course, we didn't get everything we would have liked. But the fact that our frontiers are recognised and we don't have to pay reparations is a lot."—United Press.

YUGOSLAVIA REJECTS AGREEMENT

Belgrade, June 21.

Yugoslavia today rejected the Big Four outline of a peace treaty for Austria in an official communiqué. Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, reported.

The communiqué, expressing most profound bitterness, said, according to Tanjug: "Yugoslavia will never renounce its legitimate territorial claims on Slovenia, Carinthia, the payment of reparations by Austria and the compensation for war damages for the other injured states of the Yugoslav Republic against Austria."—Reuter.

HARLEM TRAGEDY

New York, June 21.

A young mother today threw her two children from the sixth floor of her Harlem flat and jumped to the street after them.

Killed in the fall was Charles Hunt, aged three. His mother, Mrs. Daisy Hunt, a negro, aged 30, and younger brother John, aged one, were seriously injured. —United Press.

Robinson Crusoe On A Pacific Island

Oahu, June 21.

The family of a Norwegian seaman, who had not been heard from since the beginning of the war, have just learned that he is alive after living like Robinson Crusoe on a Pacific island for nine years.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Salsbeck, of Lönne, a tiny fishing hamlet on Trondhjem Fjord, who believed him to be dead.

Last Saturday, they received a letter from their son, Georg, dated New York, June 5, telling how, at the beginning of the war, the freighter he served on was torpedoed in the Pacific.

He said that, after 16 days in a lifeboat, some of the crew reached a tiny island, where they lived for nine years. One day, while the latter, they were engaged in attracting the attention of an American plane which flew over the island. It landed and took the men to New York, where Georg now has a job ashore.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN FEAR OF WEST'S RE-ARMING

Paris, June 21.

Observers here who have had time to digest the contents of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' agreement on Berlin and Austria are wondering just how Moscow decided that a reduction of tension in Berlin is not only desirable but worth paying a price to obtain.

The economic difficulties confronting the Soviet Union throughout East Europe were widely cited earlier as one of the causes which had decided Moscow to negotiate a resumption of East-West trade.

Now in the light of the conference itself another explanation is being advanced in several quarters among close students of Marxist doctrine and Soviet practice in foreign affairs.

According to this explanation the main factor in deciding Moscow to seek a "live and let live" arrangement was the Soviet fear of the consequences of re-arming by the Western Powers.

Moscow, it is argued, realises that the Berlin blockade and the "cold war" has accelerated the decision of the Western Powers to unite for collective defence.

A full Western defensive programme under the terms of the North Atlantic treaty and the Western Union would, it is thought, have two direct drawbacks from the Soviet point of view.

First, that to compete on an equal basis with the re-armed effort of the Western Powers would impose an unwelcome if not impossible strain on Soviet economy and on that of the Eastern European countries.

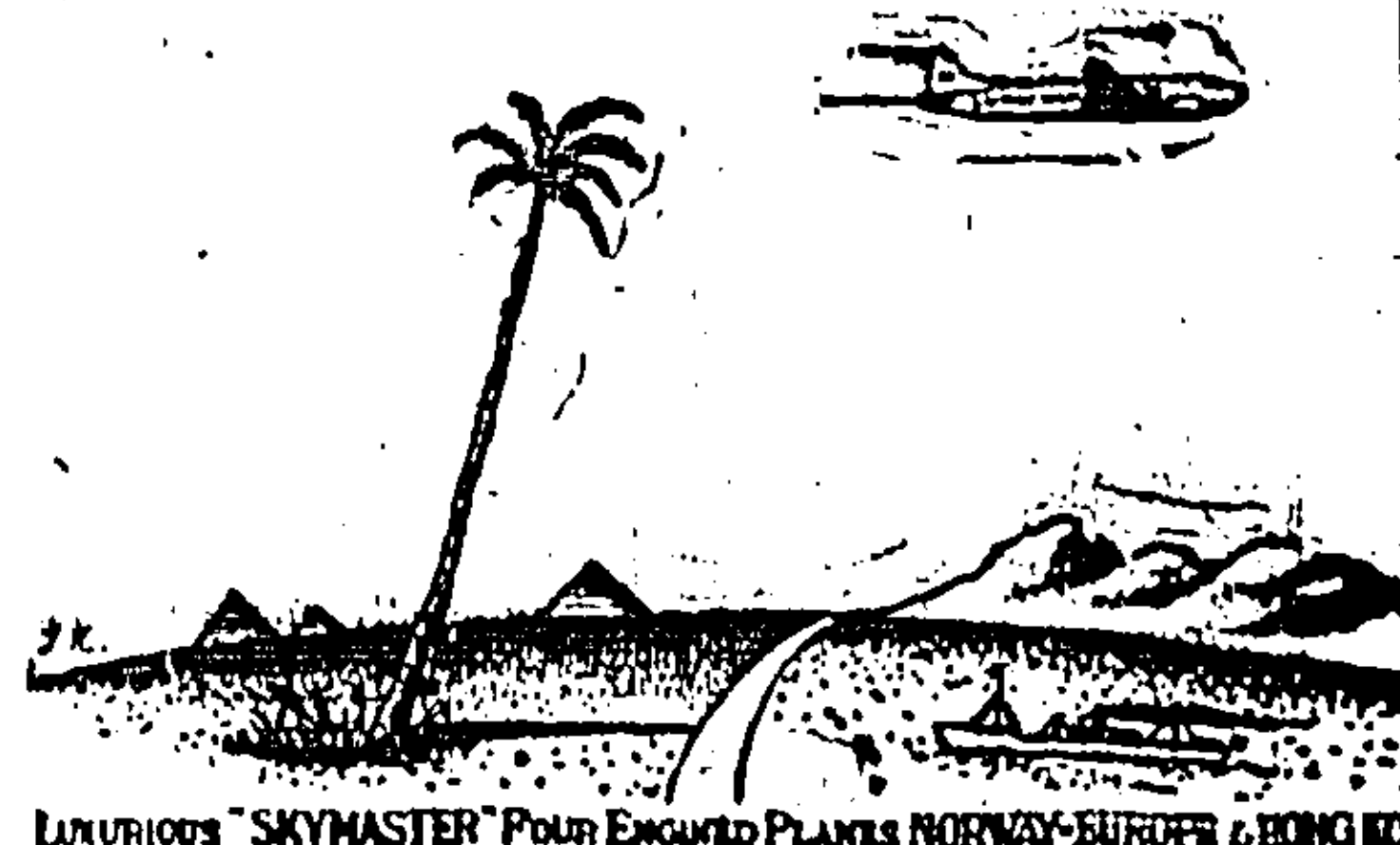
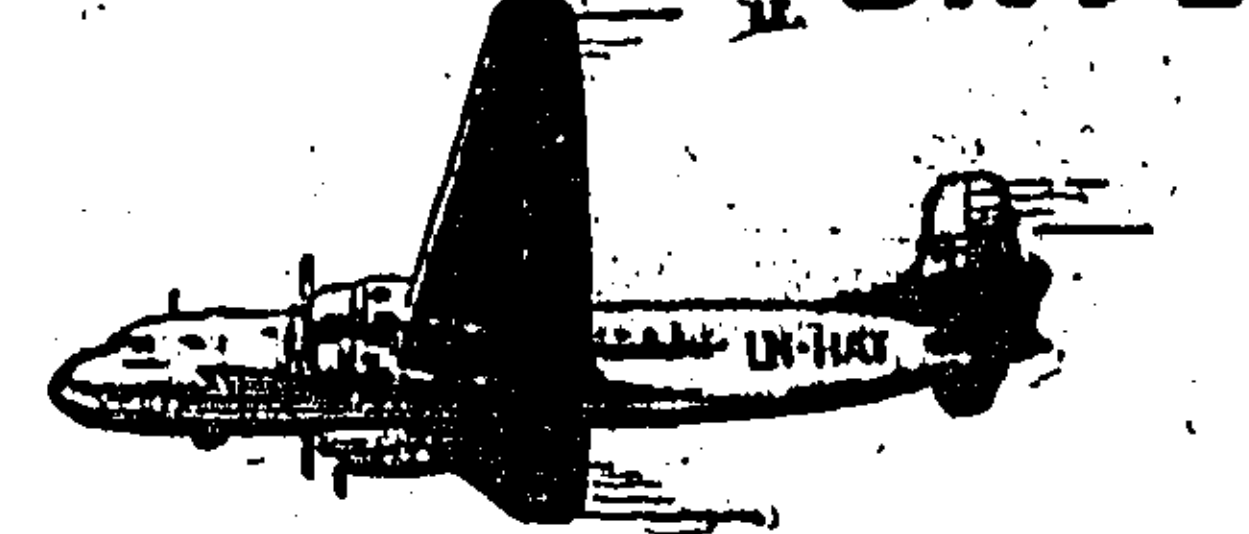
Secondly, that a continued rearmament programme for the Western Powers would result in retarding the post-war economic crisis which Soviet official economists have always forecast for the Western Powers, notably the United States.

Significant Clue

Both these results would be entirely counter to the objectives of Soviet long-term planning. In the domestic as well as in the international field.

Consequently, according to the reasoning of observers who advance this theory, it was decided in Moscow that the best way of halting the armaments drive implicit in the North Atlantic treaty was to remove its immediate cause and create the impression in Western public opinion that the policy of pushing ahead with defence plans has slackened to a point where it might even be reconsidered.

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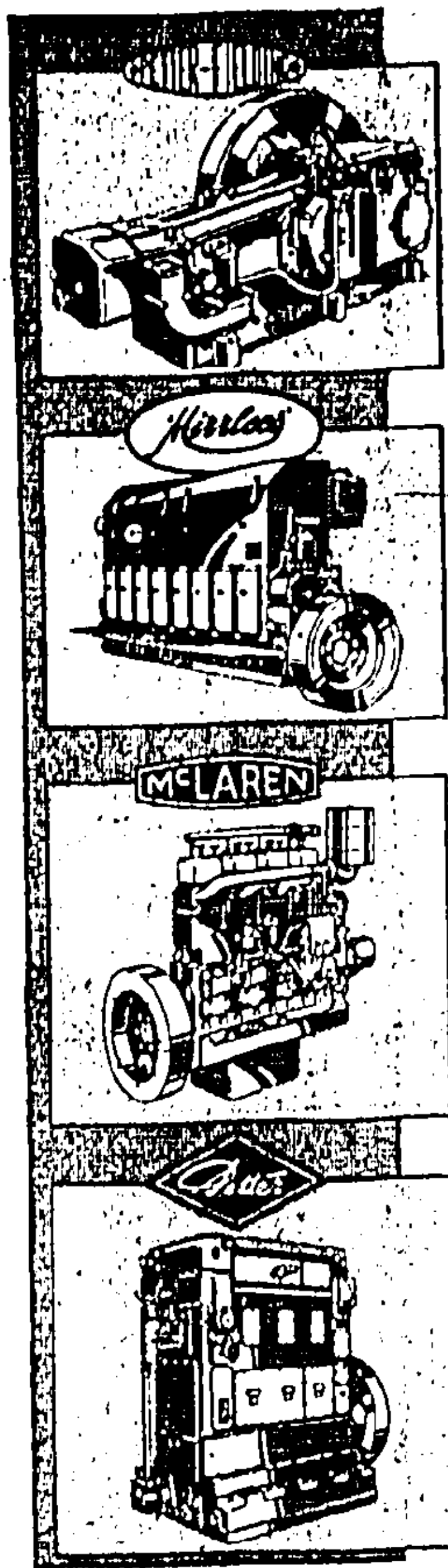
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STANDARDISATION FOR BENEFIT OF INDUSTRY

By SIR WILLIAM
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Developed first in Britain, standardisation for the benefit of industry came as the result of a difficulty which Mr. H. J. Skelton, an iron and steel merchant in London, experienced in 1901 in maintaining stocks of iron and steel sections of which there was an almost infinite variety, since each manufacturer was producing his own sections for particular purposes.

The consequence was that there were large numbers of sections with quite insignificant differences in dimensions.

In 1901 Mr. Skelton consulted Sir John Wolfe Barry, at that time President of Britain's Institution of Civil Engineers, who immediately agreed on the desirability of a limited number of sections being standardised between all makers, so that such sections would be interchangeable from whatever works they were ordered.

An Engineering Committee was set up by the Institution of Civil Engineers, Institute of Mechanical Engineers, Institute of Electrical Engineers, Institute of Naval Architects and the Iron and Steel Institution.

The result of the deliberations of this Committee was the creation of the British Engineering Standards Association. Ultimately, an ordered list of 113 standard iron and steel sections for constructional purposes was agreed upon and accepted by the Engineering Institutions, the producers and representatives of the users.

This achievement resulted in an examination of numerous engineering products; for example, tramway rails, which existed in almost as many types as there were makers, and users were reduced to five standard types to meet national needs. Similarly, some 3,000 types of colliery tub wheels were reduced to 17, and so on.

Wide Application

The application of standardisation to a wide range of engineering products followed through the years. In addition to dimensions, standardisation is now applied to the definitions of quality, performance and suitability for function.

Standard tests have been agreed upon and prescribed for determining these various factors. The

passing of such tests is an essential condition if the article of material is to be described as complying with the particular British Standard applicable to it.

At the request of the industries concerned standardisation is now being progressively applied to other sections of industry. The British Standards Institution, which has developed out of the original British Engineering Standards Association, is now incorporated by Royal Charter, which empowers it to act for any industry in Britain.

The present Institution has 50 different industry committees dealing with standardisation in the particular industries represented on it. At the present time there are no less than 650 different standardisation projects under review, with the ultimate objective of the issue of a British Standard specification in each case.

The method of procedure is as follows: The British Standards Institution does not itself promote or initiate the production of any standard. The initiative arises from either the industry concerned, the user, in some cases the distributor, and in others the professional interests concerned.

On receipt of an intimation from any representative interested that a new or revised standard is required, the British Standards Institution convenes a meeting of all those concerned, representing producers, distributors, users and professional bodies, and if the consensus of opinion of those representatives is that a standard is required, a Technical Committee is set up, representing the same interests, to prepare a draft standard specification.

Draft Specification

This draft is then circulated to all concerned, for comment, until finally a completed specification is

produced which has received the approval of all concerned.

Before the specification is issued for general circulation in Britain and in overseas countries, it receives final approval from the Industry Committee concerned and also the Council of the Institution.

Thus no specification is issued which has not taken into consideration the interests of all sections of the industry affected by it. It is thus assured of immediate general acceptance in Britain and throughout the British Commonwealth, to the standards organisations of which it was circulated as soon as the draft was available.

It is gratifying to record that standards bodies, similar to the one in Britain, have been set up in every Commonwealth country.

Other countries have also followed suit, modelling their organisations on the British Standards Institution, the main difference being that in some of the Commonwealth countries, and in some overseas countries in standards organisation is a governmental department under the general control of a Minister, whereas the British Standards Institution is an entirely independent institution.

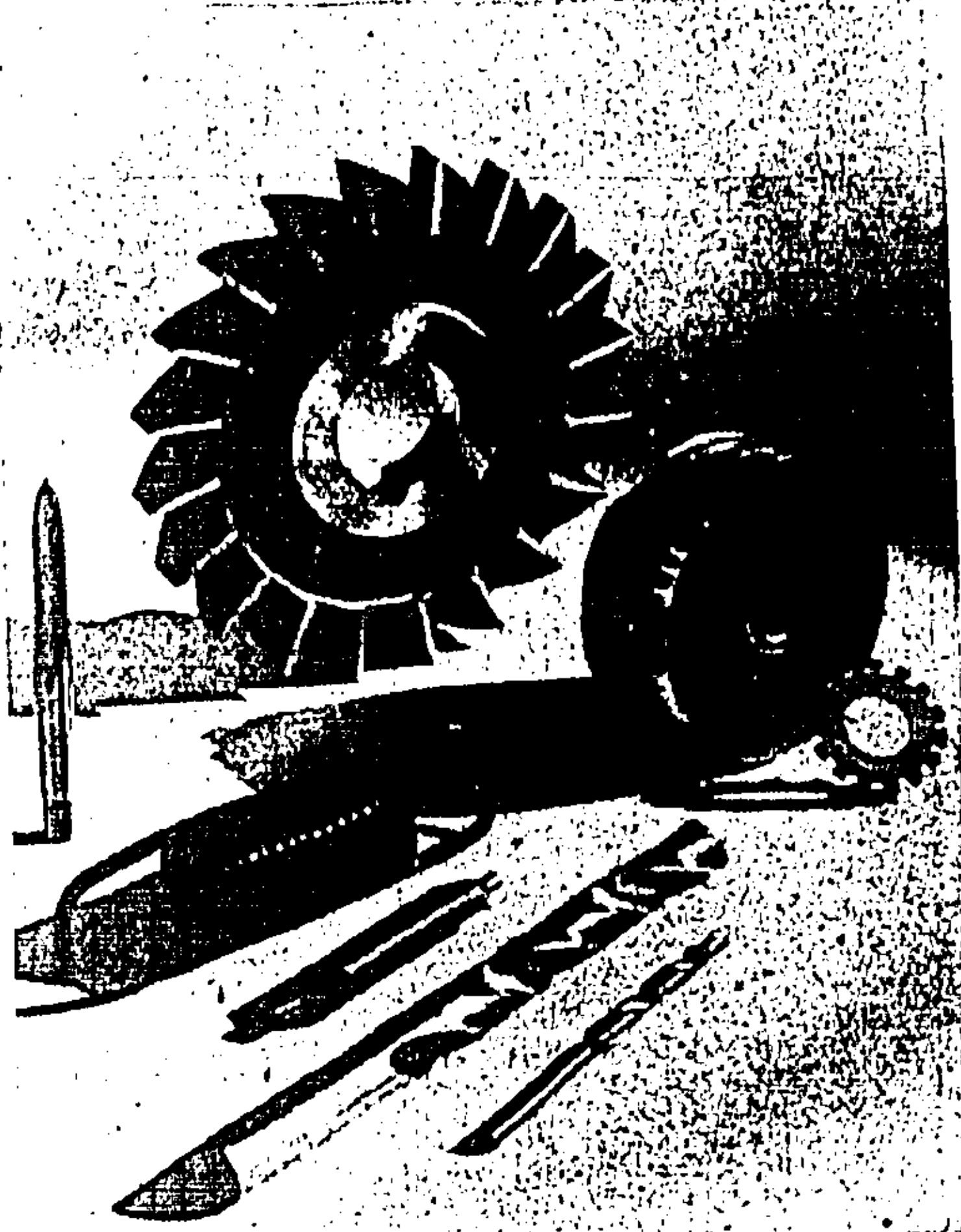
It is supported by voluntary contributions from all sections of industry and commerce, and also by the Government of the United Kingdom in proportion to the interest taken by the various governmental departments in its work.

It should be noted that all the governmental departments interested in any particular standardisation proposal are represented on the appropriate committees of the British Standards Institution.

The organisation, therefore, may be said to be an ideal example of democracy in practice. Not only are all those interested represented proportionate to their interests on all the committees of the BSI right up to the Council, but no specification is issued unless all the interests concerned approve of it.

The preparation of a specification takes a little longer owing to the unanimity rule, but a standard specification which does not receive general acceptance would obviously be of little service.

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Radio Olympia will be held from September 28 to October 8.

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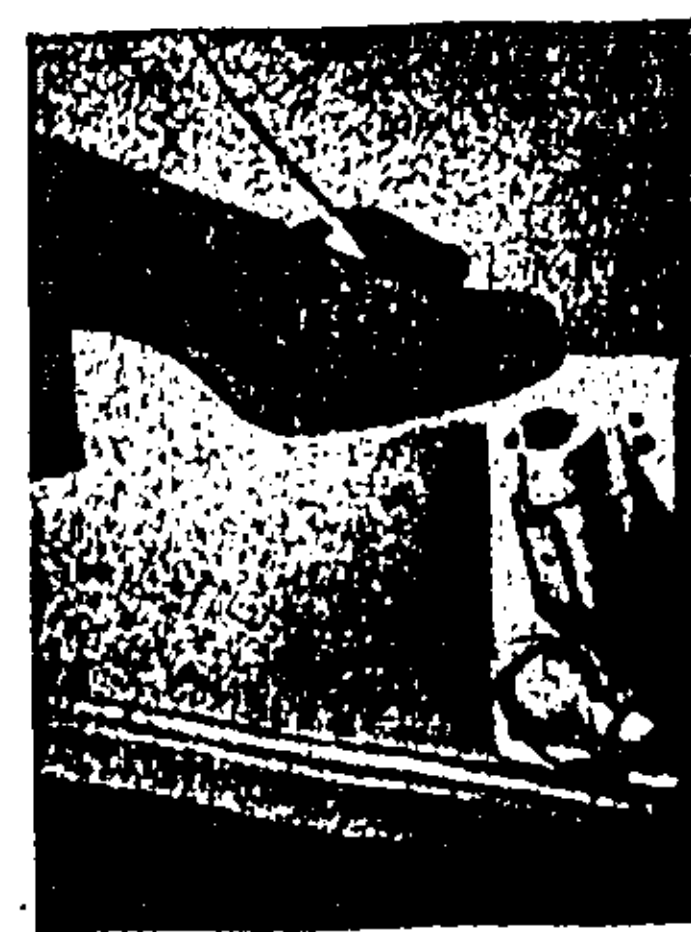
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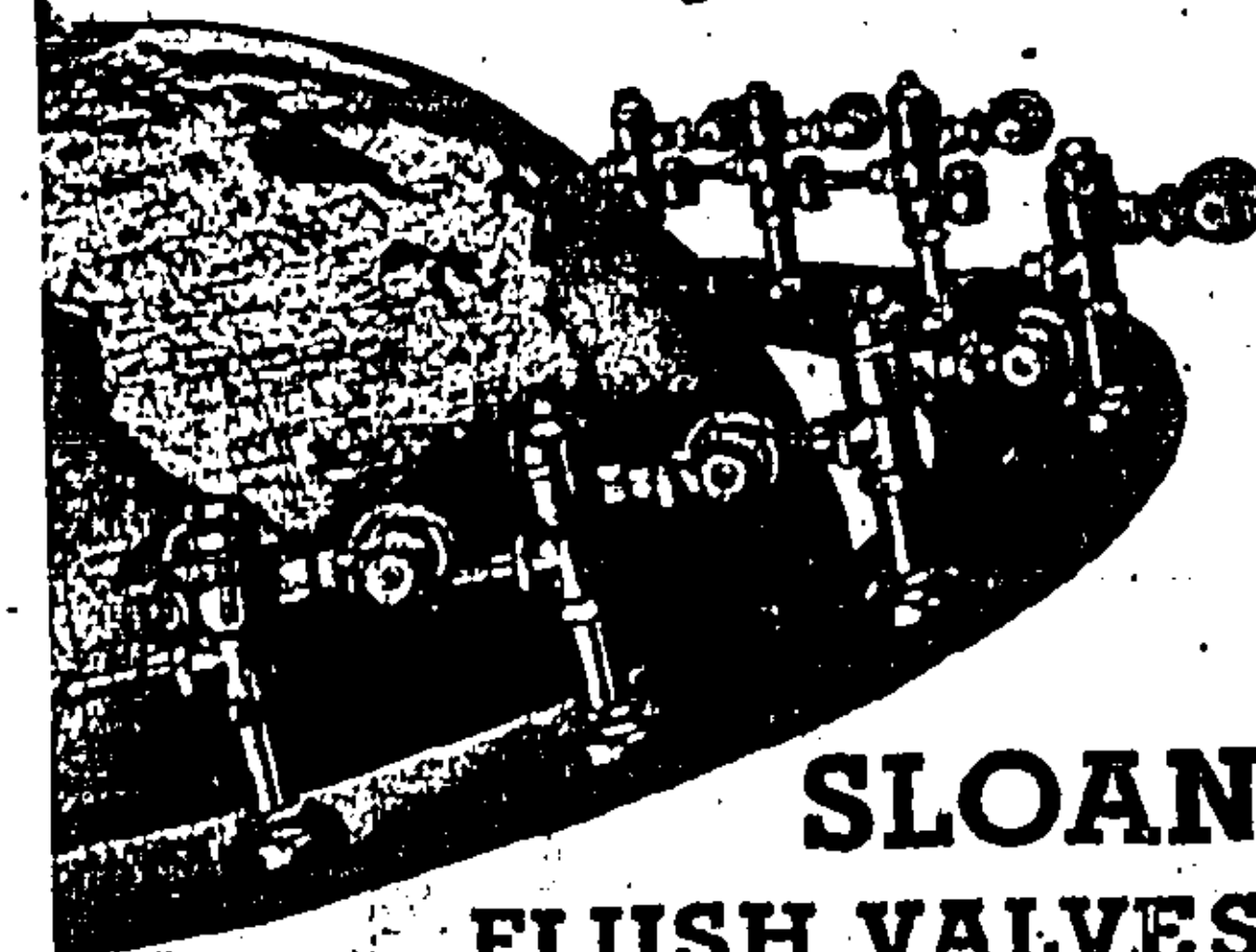
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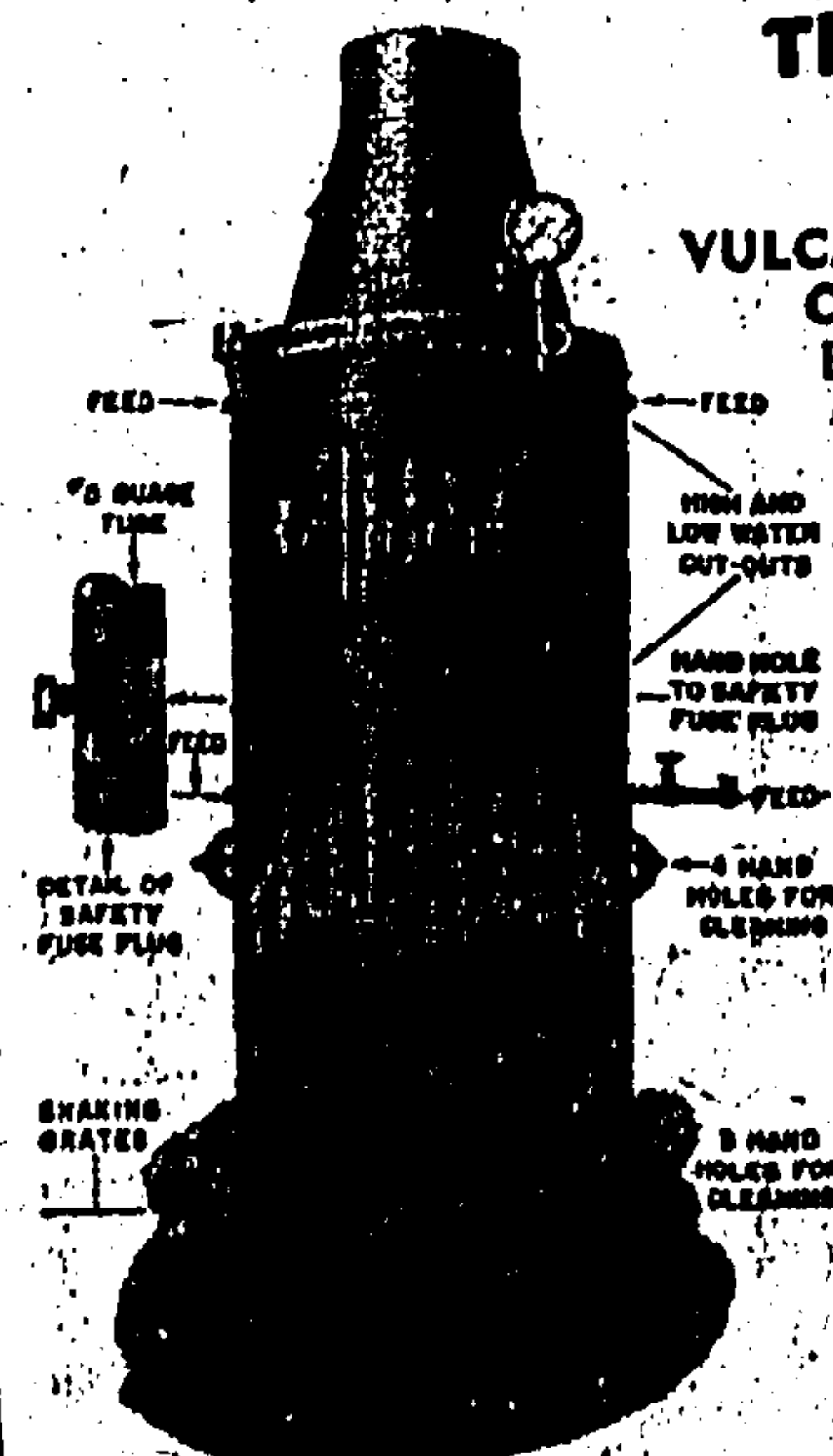
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Dunkirk, June 21. Five of the crew are missing tonight from the Belgian cross-Channel steamer, Princes Astrid, which struck a mine and sank today in 45 minutes three miles off Dunkirk.

A number of the crew of 53 and of the 210 passengers were seriously hurt. The passengers and crew were taken to Dunkirk by the French steamer, Cap Hadid, and by Dunkirk tug.

Four or five of the injured are in Dunkirk hospitals and the other survivors have been taken to a Dunkirk hotel. According to port officials, the Princes Astrid is lying completely submerged about five miles West of Dunkirk.

Ambulances waited at the quayside to rush the injured to hospital. A Dunkirk port official said that several of the crew were burned by the explosion and that some passengers were injured, though none seriously. Uninjured passengers are being transferred to the Dunkirk-Dover ferry boat leaving tonight.

The Princes Astrid (2,950 tons), owned by the Belgian Government, was bound from Ostend to Dover. First reports had said that the ship was carrying 1,200 passengers.

Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported in London that the Cap Hadid has begun taking passengers off the Princes Astrid. A British Railway statement said that all passengers were disembarked before the Princes Astrid settled on a sandbank.—Reuter.

LITTLE WILLY LOSES CLAIM

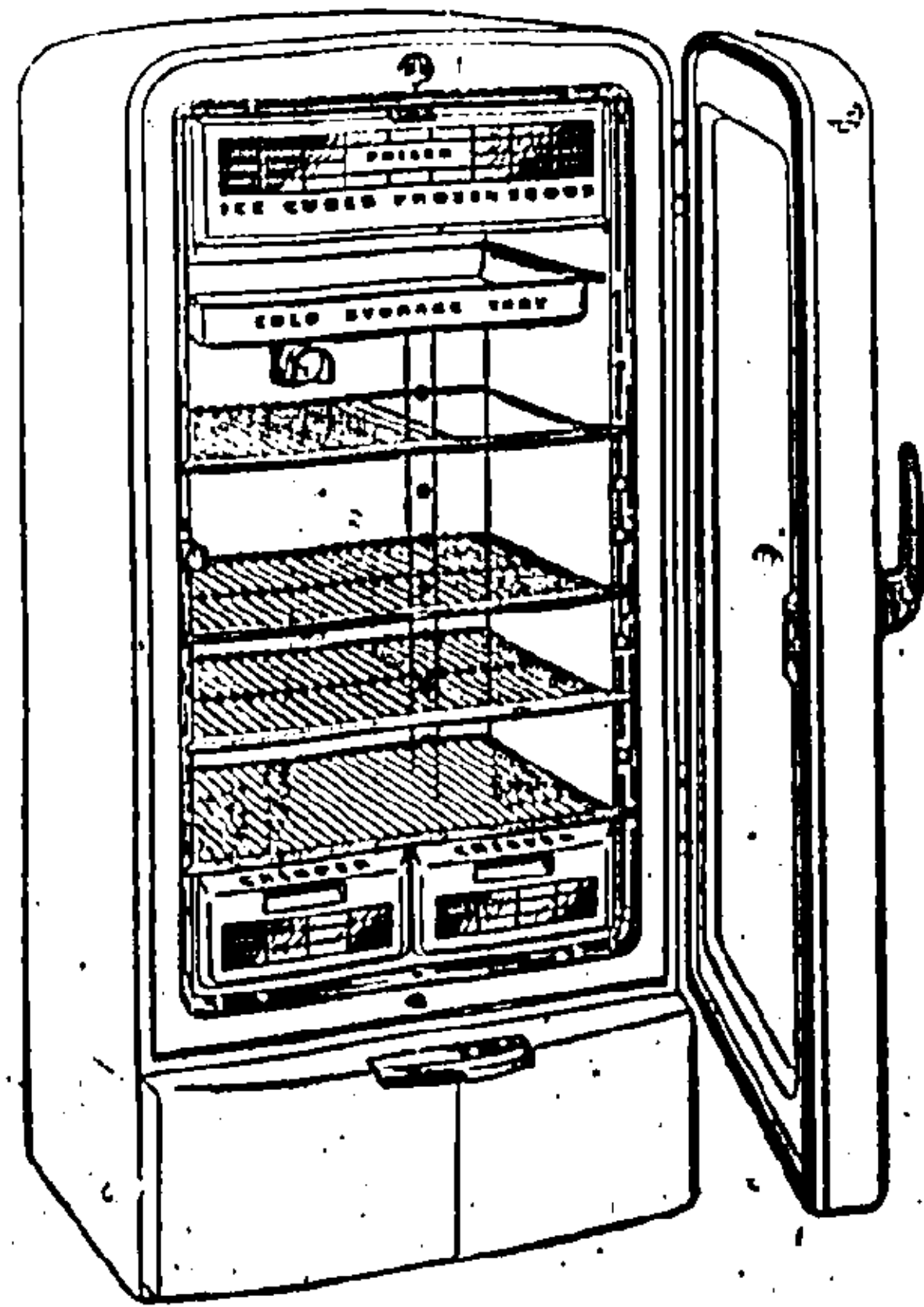
The Hague, June 21. The ex-Crown Prince of Germany, Friedrich Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, lost his case here today for possession of the inheritance in Holland of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm.

The property consists of the castle of Doorn, with 112 acres of land, and money and securities with about 2,000,000 guilders (£200,000), which the Dutch Government confiscated.

Rejecting the appeal, the court said that the Prince had done nothing for Holland or the Allied cause. Doorn Castle is now a museum.—Reuter.

PAINTER DEAD

London, June 21. Edward Alexander Wadsworth, a leading British painter and a challenging figure in modern art, died here today, aged 60. He exhibited in the United States, in London and Paris, and much of his work is in the Canadian War Museum. Paintings and drawings by him were acquired by the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, and by private collectors in the United States.—Reuter.



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Trade Relations With Communists

Canberra, June 22.

The External Affairs Minister, Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, today advocated Western de facto (partial) recognition of the Chinese Communist government.

Speaking in the Australian House of Representatives, Dr. Evatt said: "There is much to be gained by trying to maintain practical working relations with local authority in de facto control."

"We should foster those relations through commerce and trade. Established British- and United States business houses in China can be a great stabilising force in the present situation."

Dr. Evatt said it might prove disastrous if the Western democracies fail to maintain contact in China at every possible point. At present only the Nationalist government is recognised. It governs South China. The Communists are now in control of vast North and Central regions, including the cities of Nanking, Shanghai and Peking.

Dr. Evatt added: "If we give the Communists any grounds for thinking they can never expect co-operation, we might lead them to sever all contact with democracy. It would be tragic, if through any failure of the democracies, China's long association with freedom loving countries would be broken."

Dr. Evatt said he would not accept the assumption of some that the economy of Communist China will be integrated with that of the Soviet bloc and that China would withdraw from contact with the Western democracies. The External Affairs Minister made no specific prediction that Australia will extend recognition to Communist China. It is assumed that Australia would follow Britain and the United States moves.

Mistake in Japan

It is wrong to treat Japan as a mere incident in the problem of Russia, Dr. Evatt said. "It is a separate problem. The stage could be reached where German potential could be built up into a war machine for another war. The same applies to Japan."

If Australia helps in building a war potential in Japan she can suffer for it.

Dr. Evatt added: "There are signs in Germany of a Nazi resurgence."

"There is not much difference between the text-books now being studied in Germany and those used by children before the last war."

In Washington, Senator Styles Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, asked in the Senate whether the British already are working with the Communists and are getting ready to recognise Communist China.

He called attention to a Shanghai despatch in the "New York Times" of June 17 which said one British and one U.S. river pilot were attempting to sweep the Yangtze River channel of mines. The inference in the story was that both pilots were civilians,

but it said one makeshift mine sweeper was a British consular vessel on which the Communist flag had been raised.

"Quasi-Military" Senator Bridges told the Senate. "The printed report states that just one week after the alleged mining of the Yangtze River mouth, one British and one United States river pilot with two makeshift mine sweepers undertook to clear the channel and open to shipping the world's largest city under the Communist flag."

Senator Bridges quoted the despatch as saying the action was in co-operation with the Communist Shanghai Military Control Committee. He went on: "How can we reconcile such a quasi-military act of service to the Chinese Communists with the efforts, money and material we have expended to fight Communism in other parts of the world?"

"The question will be asked: How can we consistently grant Marshall Aid to Great Britain as an ally in our fight against Communism and at the same time give tacit acquiescence to British co-operation with Communist forces in China?" —Associated Press and Reuter.

GBS AUCTIONS FURNITURE

London, June 21. An auction of some of George Bernard Shaw's furniture and possessions realised less than £300 here today.

Mr. Shaw has sold his Whitehall London, flat because he considers it too large. Some of its contents were sold at the auction.

The auctioneer told Reuter: "Though some of the articles went for slightly higher prices than if they had belonged to anyone else than the famous playwright, there were few souvenir hunters." There were 40 lots in the auction, among them an old grandfather clock, an upright piano and a dining room table. The clock fetched one of the highest prices—£20.—Reuter.

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ARCHBISHOP'S ACTION Asks Bishops To Take Control

Prague, June 21.

Archbishop Josef Beran is reported to have broken down the administration of his Church office. The purpose is to thwart the Czech Government use of it to influence priests.

Reliable Church sources said the Archbishop, locked in a crucial struggle between the Church and the State, has asked his bishops and priests to take over and independently administer their own areas.

A Government official has been stationed in the Archbishop's palace since the police occupied it a week ago. The official, it is alleged, has used the Archbishop's stationery in sending out an order demanding that the Pastoral letter be withheld from the public.

The letter was drawn up on June 15 by Catholic bishops. Despite the reported order for its withholding, it was read from some pulpits last Sunday. The reading of the letter was one of the several developments in the last few days which brought the Church-State struggle to a crisis stage. Some clergymen are reported to have been arrested for reading the letter while at least one case is reported of it being taken forcibly from the churchmen.

Church sources report that this friction has caused Archbishop Beran to decide to dissolve his consistory and to ask his Bishops and priests to assume administrative autonomy. Vicarates will take over the consistory function. It is through the consistory that the Archbishop normally issues his letters and orders.

Beran Accused

The Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia, Antonin Zapotocky, speaking over Prague Radio tonight, accused Archbishop Beran of using Church institutions in the interests of the enemies of the State and of inciting the public by false news.

Mr. Zapotocky declared that the Archbishop is trying to "subvert peace and calm, and devalue the public from strenuous labour in the construction of the People's Democratic Republic and the fulfilment of economic plans."

With the help of foreign broadcasts, he said, Czech bishops are spreading the "most lying propaganda about conditions in the Republic, about the closing of churches and the interdiction of religion."

The Vatican decree which excommunicates supporters of the Government - approved Catholic

Action group in Czechoslovakia remained unpublished here late today.

The Prime Minister alleged that the bishops and declined any agreement about Church questions.

"They do not want calm and peace—they want disquiet and disintegration," he declared.

No Politics

"The Government has therefore to make the statement that religious freedom as granted in the Constitution has never been infringed. Religion is being taught in the schools and parents are not hindered in the religious education of their children."

"But the Constitution holds that citizens may not refuse to do their duty to the State on the grounds of religious conviction."

"The Government will not allow violation of the Constitution and shall protect freedom of religious conviction just as it will not permit the misuse of religious functions and churches for political reactionary manifestations and agitation against the Republic."

"Politics do not belong in the Church. The Government will not permit the bishops to violate the freedom of conviction of patriotic priests and will protect the thousands of priests who are faithful to the Republic."

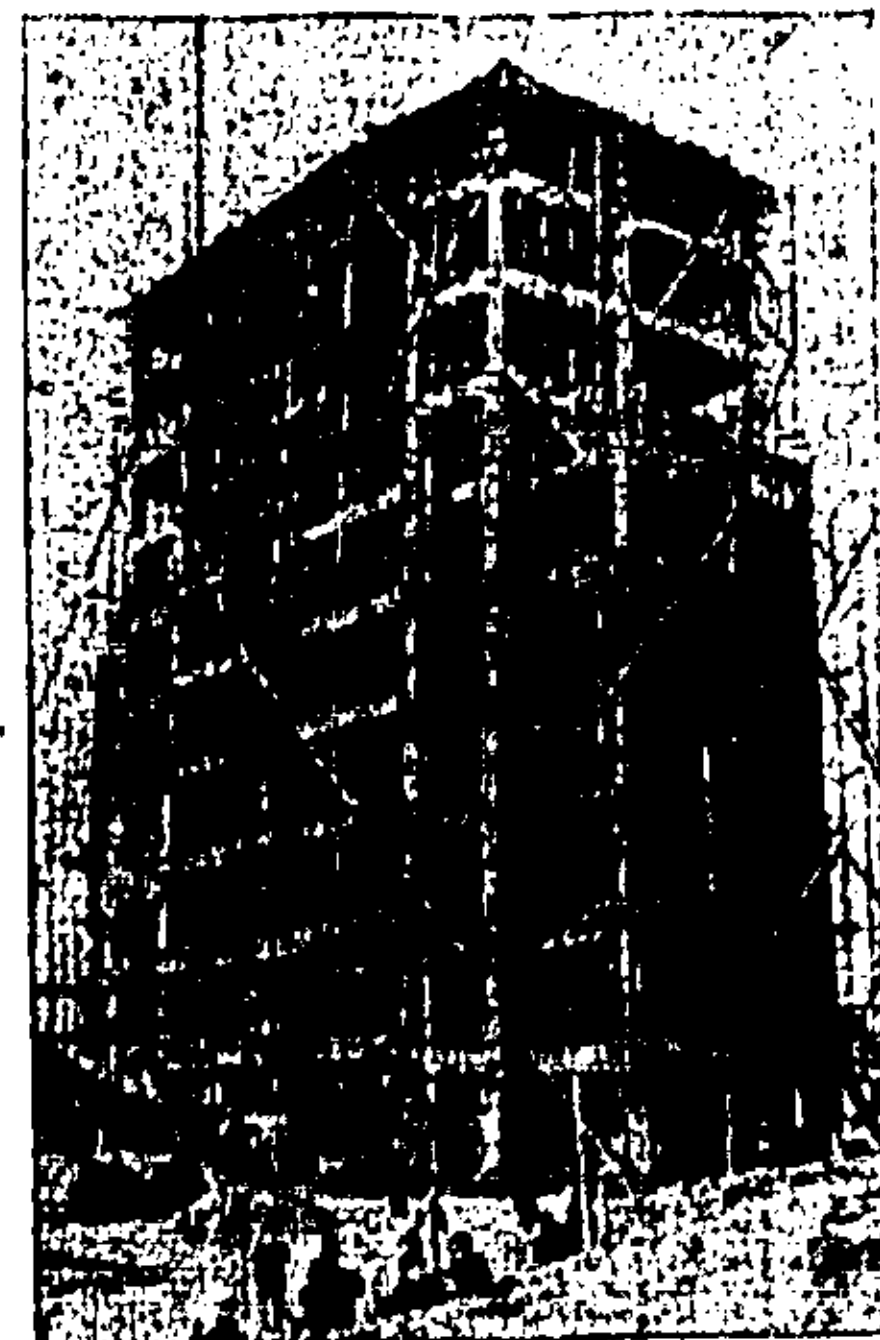
"Malefactors, provocateurs and provokers of disorder and discord will be proceeded against according to law and right," the Prime Minister concluded.—United Press and Reuter.

STEEL DECLINE

New York, June 22. Steel production in the United States this week will drop to its lowest level since April 1948, the American Iron and Steel Institute estimated. Operations are fixed at 84.4 per cent of capacity.

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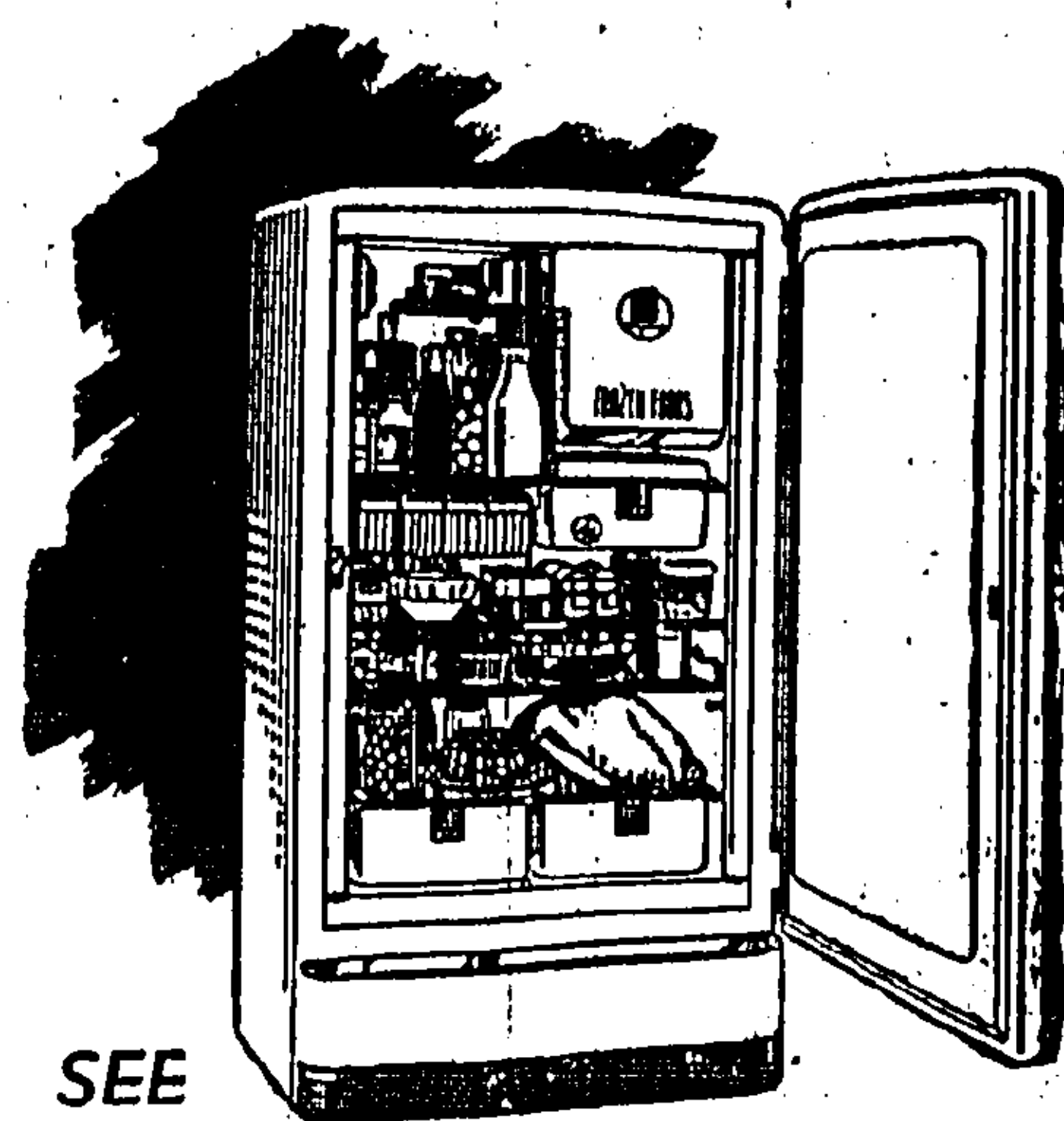
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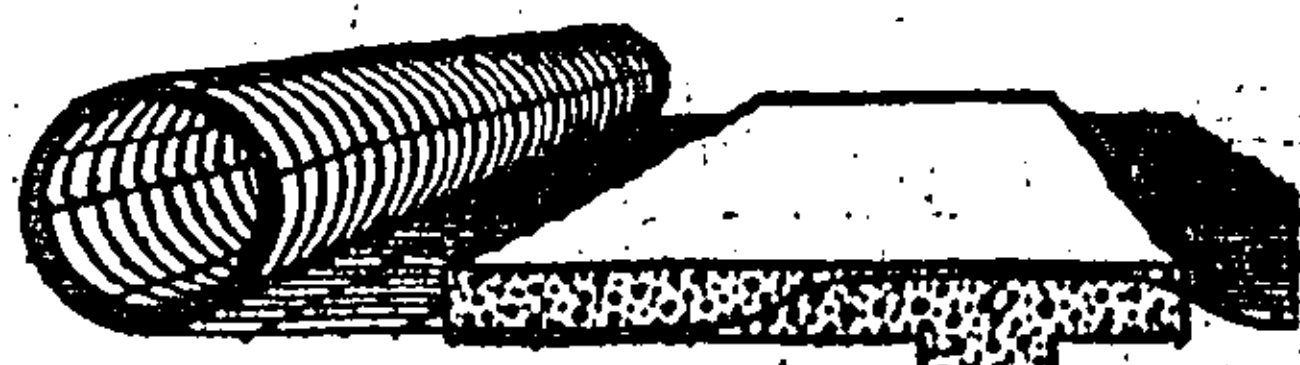
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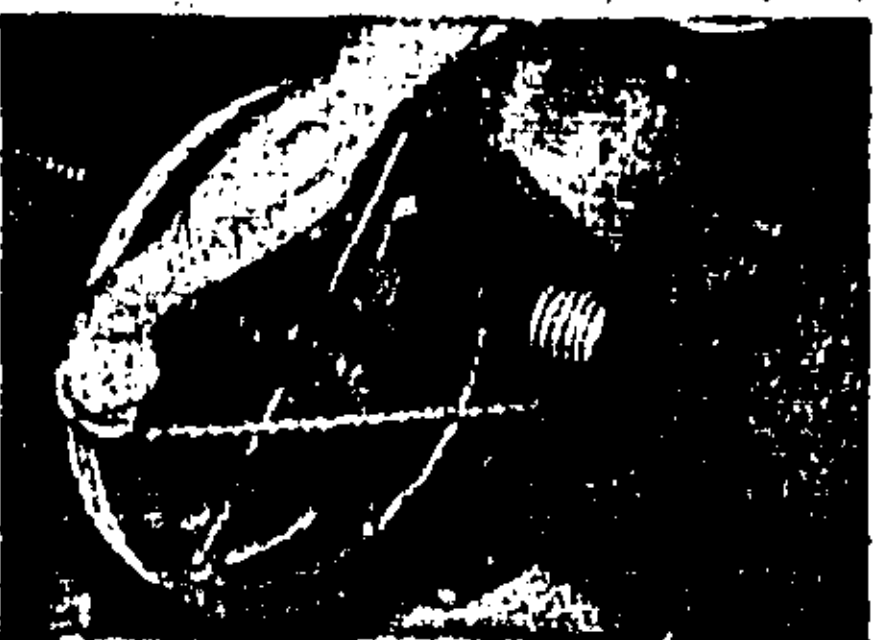
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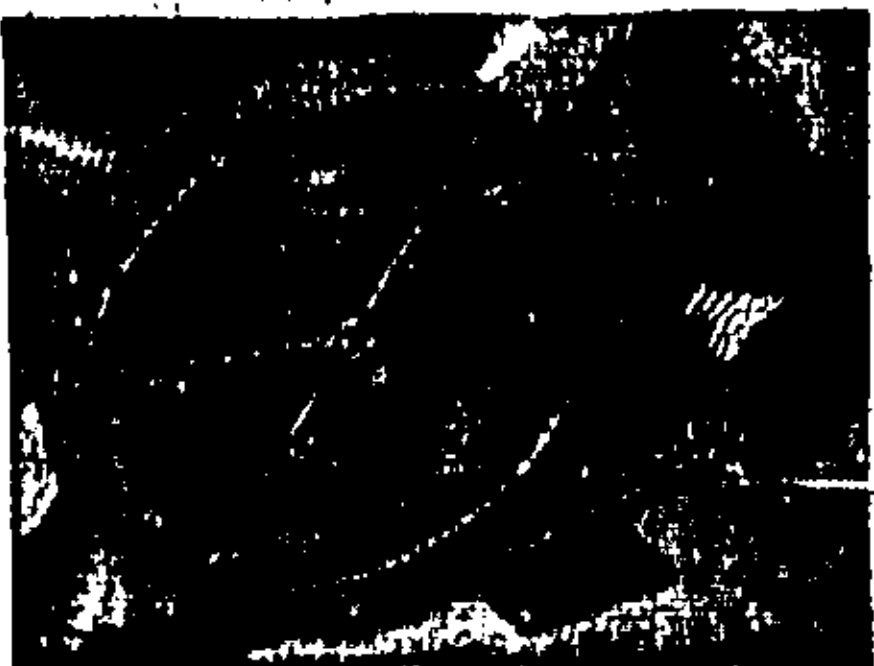
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BERLIN RAIL STRIKE:

WEST RECOMMENDS
RETURN TO WORK

Berlin, June 21.
The three Western Commandants in Berlin tonight asked the West Berlin railway strikers to return to work on terms offered by the Soviet-controlled Railway Administration.
The recommendations were made after the receipt of a letter from Major-General P. Kvashnin, Soviet transport chief, guaranteeing the terms offered by the Railway Administration.

EGYPT'S
ACTION
IN SUEZ

London, June 21.
Britain is not satisfied with the orders given by the Egyptian Government to the shipping authorities to allow the Port Said to ease the restrictions on foreign merchant vessels believed to be carrying cargoes destined for Israel and will press for a complete removal of the instructions to search merchant vessels calling at Egyptian ports.

The British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ronald Campbell, is receiving fresh instructions. After his interview last week-end with Egyptian Premier, Abdul Kadi Pasha, the Egyptian Government gave instructions that the assurances of the master of a vessel or of the shipping agents about the destination of cargoes should be accepted. The British view is that all attempts by Egypt to interfere with merchant shipping calling at Alexandria or passing through the Suez Canal should cease.

In Melbourne, The Australian day stated that Australian representations to Egypt for the release of cargoes for Palestine confiscated from ships passing through the Suez Canal have been fruitless.

The statement said it is hoped that the Egyptian Government will result in discontinuance of the detention of vessels.

"The Government is not satisfied with the Egyptian attitude and is again pressing the matter through the British Ambassador," the Department announcement said.—Reuter.

Combined
Operations
In Channel

London, June 21.
The air exercises opening on Saturday and the Western Union's combined naval-air manoeuvres which follow next week will together provide the greatest show of defensive power seen in Western Europe in its peacetime history.

Britain's air exercises will be a three-day "battle of Britain" to test the nation's air defences, while the Western Union operations will, for the first time since the war, bring the ships and aircraft of Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands together for joint defence trials.

American bombers based in Britain will undertake day bombing tasks as a counterpart to the British night bombing operations in the British air test.

Major-General Leon Johnson, Commanding General of the United States Air Forces Third Air Division in Britain, will share command of the attacking forces with Air Marshal Sir Aubrey Ellwood, Commander-in-Chief of the Bomber Command.—Reuter.

In his letter, dated June 20, General Kvashnin stated that he had no doubt that the Railway Administration would fulfil the terms of its agreement, guaranteeing a 60 per cent West Mark pay to the West Berlin railwaymen, and no victimisation.

Today, the British Commander, Major-General G. K. Bourne, said: "I consider that these terms, together with the offer of the Magistrat to exchange a further 15 per cent of the wages, form a reasonable basis for the resumption of work."

"The strike has now lasted for over four weeks, and in their own interests, and in the interests of Berlin as a whole, the railway workers should accept the terms and play their full part in restoring the economy of the city," General Bourne added.

On June 14, the striking railwaymen rejected by over 85 per cent the terms which the Western Commandants today again urged them to accept.

"Best Method"

It was announced tonight that the three Western Commandants wrote to General Kvashnin on June 18, asking him to put straight the misrepresentations in the German press which suggested on the day of the strike ballot that the railwaymen could not rely on the Soviet assurances that there would be no victimisation.

"This lack of confidence, as you know," the letter said, "resulted in an adverse vote and a continuance of the strike."

The Western Commandants added: "It appears to us that a published statement by an appropriate official of the Soviet Military Administration authenticating the Railway Administration's offer of payment of at least 60 per cent in Reichsmarks, and non-victimisation of any strikers, would probably be the best method of re-assuring the workers without the risk of any further misrepresentation by the press or radio."

Russian Reply

General Kvashnin, in reply, said: "I share your regret with regard to the behaviour of the German press during the strike. Many newspapers from the very beginning of the strike took up an attitude which was not at all conducive to the re-establishment of normal traffic on the Western sector railways."

"As regards the method of ending the strike, this question is a purely German matter, and the Soviet occupation authorities have no grounds for interference."

"I am prepared to repeat what I said to General Howley (the American Commandant) as chief of the Transport Division of the Soviet Military Administration, have, and had, no doubts that the Railway Administration will fulfil all the terms of the agreement between it and the railwaymen's trade union."—Reuter.

British Gold Reserves:
Grave Chifley Warning

Canberra, June 21.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves will not last two years at the present rate of dollar spending, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, stated today.

Unless the Commonwealth and the United States can help, Britain faces a trade and financial collapse which will have the gravest consequences throughout the world.

In a letter asking the State Premiers to take over the petrol rationing, as the Commonwealth rationing systems was declared illegal by the Australian High Court, Mr. Chifley wrote: "The United Kingdom cannot recover unless the dollar problem is mastered. The new dollar cost of petrol is the largest single item in the sterling area deficit."

"The removal of control in Australia would certainly lead to increased pressure for the lifting of rationing in other parts of the sterling area. If petrol rationing were abolished throughout the area, the dollar loss could not be financed."

"For the United Kingdom this is a matter of life and death," he declared.

In view of the worsening dollar

position in other directions, he added, no one can say how long it will be necessary to economise in dollar expenditures on petroleum products.

Intolerable Cuts

Australia's final dollar figures for 1948 will show a substantial deficit, Mr. Chifley said. American wool purchases had been disappointing.

"In the absence of arrangements such as those we now have with Britain, a fall in the dollar receipts from wool could require intolerable cuts in dollar imports, which would involve widespread economic dislocation and unemployment. Even worse would be the position if Australia could obtain no dollars at all from the sterling pool and we were forced to live on our dollar earnings."

Britain had based its 1949-50 programme on a sterling area gold and dollar deficit of \$940 million and had lodged a bid for European Recovery Programme aid to cover the whole deficit, the memorandum said.

Energetic Action

"When the United States Congress has decided on the total ERP appropriation, it seems certain that the allotment to the United Kingdom will have to be cut below the \$940 million requested," it added.

The Prime Minister's letter said that Britain is energetically tackling the petrol problem. Large sums and large quantities of scarce materials are being devoted to stepping up the output and refinery of British-controlled oil companies.

At best it will be two or three years before those plans mature. When they do, they will make an important contribution toward reducing the sterling area dollar deficit, but they can not completely eliminate the dollar cost of oil.—Reuter.

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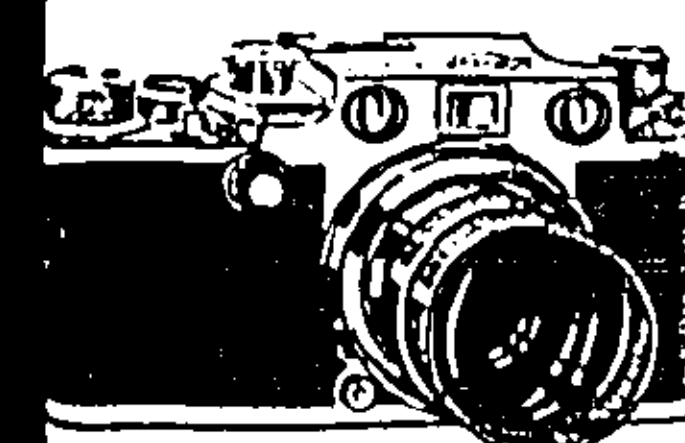
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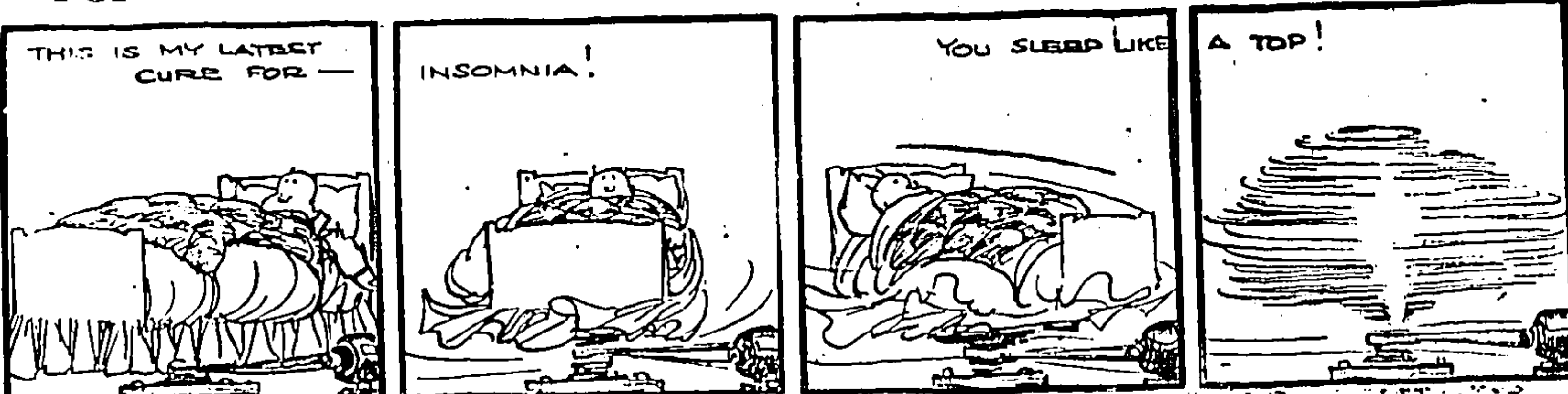
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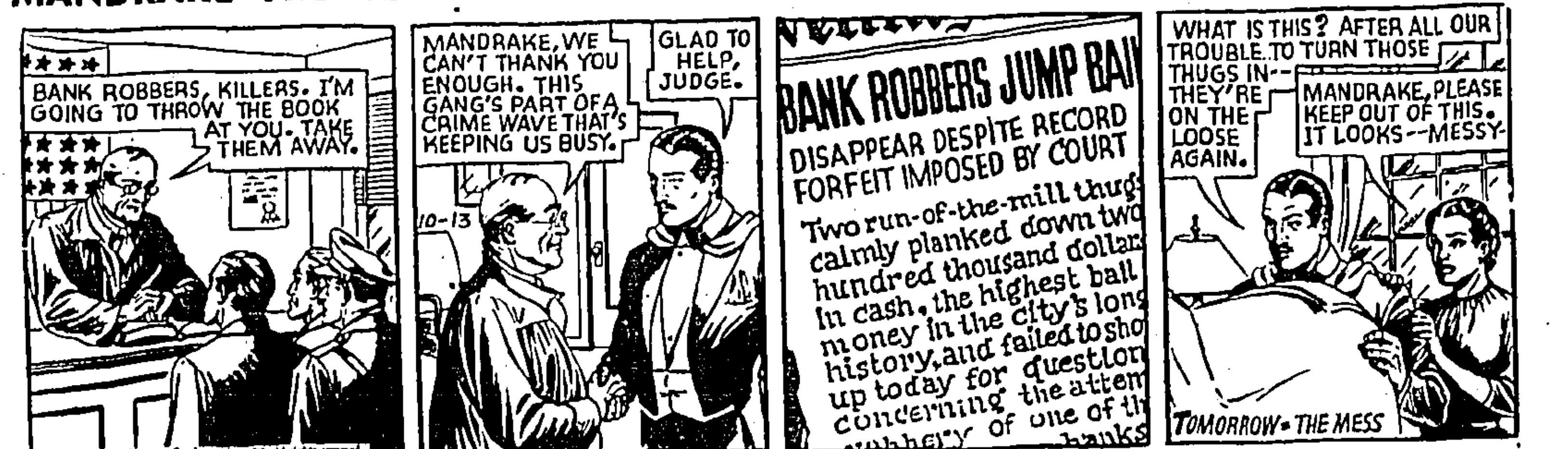
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Legislative Council

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"But I submit that this was, and remains, the justification for the nomination of members. And although the fundamental basis of the constitution of this Council has remained as it was up to date, its composition has been changed and enlarged with the progress of the times. Even in my own memory this Council was enlarged by the appointment of a Portuguese, and the number of Chinese members was increased from two to three.

"In 1931 the census shows that the population of the Colony then was nearly 850,000 of which the Chinese formed 87.75 per cent. Some 370,000 Chinese claimed local birth including the inhabitants of the New Territories and the floating population. Of this number only just over 61,000 claimed to be British subjects. The number of British subjects was:

Chinese	81,604
Europeans	6,636
Eurasians	714
Portuguese	1,089
Indians	3,331
Others	453
	73,827

"Until we have the next census, it is impossible to be dogmatic as to the composition of the present population or as to his exact total. We can only proceed on the assumption that, whatever the total, the relative components remains roughly the same. Perhaps we should bear in mind that in the light of Malayan experience it is by no means certain that all the 61,000 odd Chinese British subjects will elect to go on to the electoral roll. And here I must remind Honourable members of the announcement made on behalf of His Majesty's Government on the resumption of Civil Government in Hong Kong. The announcement began with this important statement:

Realistic View Demanded

"His Majesty's Government has under consideration the means by which in Hong Kong, as elsewhere in the Colonial Empire, the inhabitants of the territory can be given a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs."

"There are two important implications in this statement. Whilst on the one hand, the people to whom a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs is to be given, the 'inhabitants of the territory'—not only British subjects or other sections of the community, the means, on the other, by which this object is to be attained is to be on the basis that Hong Kong is a part of the Colonial Empire.

"If the alternative contemplated by this motion is to be generally accepted, a much more realistic view and accompanying spirit than now existing must be shown by all advocates for constitutional reform.

"The whole difficulty about an electorate at the Legislative Council level is of course the fact that Hong Kong is not a homogeneous community. Hong Kong is a trading centre in which the majority of the residents, think in terms of their obligations and allegiance to their respective countries, rather than of their duties to Hong Kong. In this respect, I am sorry to think that the position has not really changed. When I first took an active interest in public affairs some 30 years ago people thought more in terms of Hong Kong than they appear to do today. I hope a time will come when the inhabitants will through local birth or naturalisation or permanent residence come to think and act first and foremost as Hong Kong citizens, and Hong Kong being their home will regard the interests of Hong Kong as their paramount interests—just as our American friends in America do not think of them-

selves as Italians, French, Dutch or any other nationals but only as Americans!

"Whether or not it be true that for the Legislature, constitutional law required that the electors, like those who owe allegiance to the British Crown, it seems to me, should be British subjects, it is a formidable argument and delay. And yet even this restricted electorate must involve an incongruity!

"For on what possible basis can members elected by an electorate consisting of some 73,000 persons claim to represent a community consisting of more than ten times this number?

Members' Duty

"It has been said by some ardent advocate of constitutional reform, with more eloquence than truth, that the Unofficial Members of this Council represent nobody. In the sense that apart from the two members nominated to represent the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, we do not hold our position by virtue of any mandate, direct or indirect, of any particular section of the community, this is perfectly true. But we do conceive it our duty to represent the best interests of the Colony as a whole. How well or how badly we discharge our duties is a matter of opinion. But to suggest that members elected by a fractional electorate can and will more adequately represent the Colony as a whole than nominated members is a proposition with which I profoundly disagree.

"It has also been suggested that nominated members are merely 'yes-men'. If this suggestion were confined to the present nominated members I would not waste the time of this Council by even referring to it, for we should be content to leave it to the judgment and fair sense of the public. But if it were meant to apply to nominated members as a class I resent the suggestion as an unjustified slur on the memory of all our distinguished predecessors who graced this Council and gave of their best in the interest of the public. That the suggestion is a base calumny can be shown by a casual perusal of any of the Hansard reports of the past 50 years. Indeed even in my time—though newcomers to the Colony may not know this—the Press has made references to the Mighty Giants of the past who dominated this Council and to their legendary fights against the Government!

"In my view the realistic approach to this difficult question of Legislative Council reform is to recognise the fundamental basis of its constitution to which I have alluded, and to introduce into its constitution a new elective element as a step in the right direction along its road of progress and evolution.

"Assuming that the electorate is to be confined to British subjects, two subsidiary questions arise, namely whether there should be any qualification for the electors other than that of residence, and whether there shall be separate elections of Chinese electors and non-Chinese electors by non-Chinese electors, or whether the same electors should elect both, with a limitation of seats to be held by each community. To the first question, it seems to me to be a matter of details which though obviously requiring consideration can be settled without much difficulty. As regards the second question, the undesirable features of communal representation are of course well-known, but it may

be inevitable in a place like Hong Kong.

Fair Compromise

"In theory there is not much difference between the two methods. In practice it may make a lot of difference. For, on the basis of the 1931 census figures, under the latter scheme, whilst the Chinese choice of a Chinese candidate cannot be affected by the combined votes of the non-Chinese electors, the reverse is not true. It is conceivable that a non-Chinese candidate receiving 100% of the votes of the non-Chinese electors may be defeated by another non-Chinese candidate receiving the support of Chinese electors. I therefore feel that the first method is fairer and should be adopted."

Sir Man-kam then put his motion to the meeting and expressed the hope that if it could command a general measure of popular support, there was no reason why it should not be practicable to implement it within a very short time.

The Unofficials were aware that it did not satisfy the aspirations of all the inhabitants of the Colony. It was impossible to devise any scheme of constitutional reform to satisfy everybody, but the Unofficials felt that their proposal represented a fair and acceptable compromise.

Sir Man-kam said he was also aware that the proposal did not appeal to those who demanded that all members to the Legislative Council should be elected, but he felt that it was more important at this stage to secure some substantial advance by a general measure of agreement than to stick out for some theoretical and as yet unattainable ideal.

MR. M. M. WATSON

Surprising Lack Of Interest

Mr. M. M. Watson, seconding the motion, emphasised that it was not one which had been either lightly or idly proposed. "For many months past and at many meetings of the Unofficial Members of this Council, the subject of the reform or modification of the constitution of the Colony has been discussed. Needless to say they have also discussed the matter with a large number of the residents of the Colony.

"As a result of such discussions and consultations the present motion was brought forward and laid on the table of this Council for the consideration of the public.

"However there seems to me to be a somewhat surprising lack of interest in the subject amongst the population generally, which is perhaps due to the pressure of more absorbing events.

"In particular I am quite unable to find any definite trend of opinion for either the one or the other method of the forms which have been suggested, that is to say, the changes in the

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1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Orchestra of the Week. Philharmonia String Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling".
6.01 p.m.—"The Pied Piper of Hamelin". Robert Browning's Poem, set to Music by Watford Davies. (From the Northern Ireland Children's Hour, B.B.C.S.)
6.30 p.m.—London Studio Melodrama... Drama by Paul Stuart (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs". Presented by Paul Stuart (Studio).
7.30 p.m.—"Dem-Hi-Hure" (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
8.15 p.m.—Helen Stine Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—"ITMA" (B.B.C.S.).
9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.16 p.m.—"Old Man Out" by F. L. Green. Adapted for Broadcasting by Gilbert Travers Thomas. Music composed by William Alwin played by the London Symphony Orchestra (B.B.C.S.).
10.35 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade". A Programme of Continuous Music.
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China.
11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

Legislative Council proposed in this motion or the establishment of a Municipal Council as set out in the proposals of Sir Mark Young and which have now been embodied in the draft Municipal Council Bill. However, the proposals contained in this motion have received the unanimous approval of the Unofficial Members of this Council and there is no hesitation on their part in recommending them to the public.

The chief reason that I personally see in proposing an alteration of this Council rather than the setting up of a Municipal Council is that it appears to me to be the logical and safest course to pursue. Of course, that is not to say that there should not be some form of Municipal Council, which may be a modification of the Urban Council, the creation of which is referred to in the last paragraph of the motion.

"The Municipal Council covered by the published Bill would consist of partly elected and partly nominated members but this Council would continue to have only nominated members, at least until further alterations were made.

A Danger

"This seems to me to create a source of danger if the views of the two Councils should on any particular subject differ, which they may well do when the responsibility for the laws and the finance would rest with this Council, but the other would not be so burdened.

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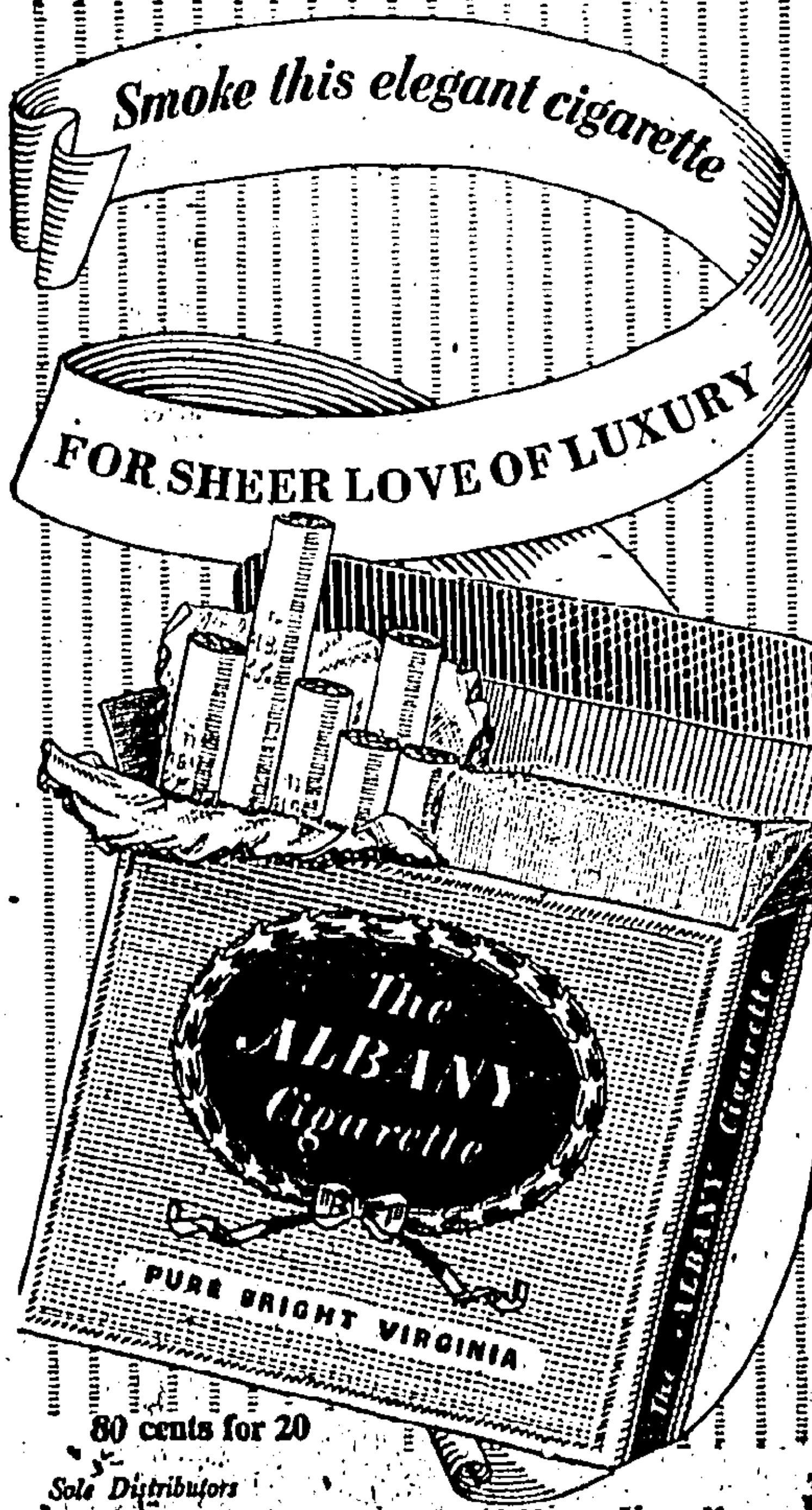
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London, June 21.

Britain's trade in motor cars and tractors in the United States has practically disappeared. That fact stands out from the monthly British trade returns published here today. Last month, the United States took only £11,000 worth of tractors, a slump of 98 per cent from the £545,000 worth in February.

H.K. Stock Exchange

With the exception of H.K. Banks, the rate for which has fallen in sympathy with the drop in London, rates remain much on a par with Tuesday. There is very little doing. The market having relapsed into an attitude of "wait and see".

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Oslo, June 21.

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The most important delegates to the conference are the representatives of three British firms—the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Alfred Holt and Company and the Glen Line Steamship Limited.

Other delegates include representatives of big French, Dutch, Italian and Scandinavian shipping lines connected with the Far East trade.—Reuter.

Money Market

New York, June 22.

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$16½ and closed at \$0.104.

These were the lowest and highest rates of the day.

FT was flat through from HK\$13 to \$0.10.

Sterling opened at HK\$17.05 and closed at \$17.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$14.

Telars went up to HK\$26.20 a 100.

NEI Guilders were easier at HK\$37.10.

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NY COTTON

New York, June 22.

Cotton futures were irregular in active trading. Closed 35 cents a bale lower to 30 cents higher.

July 33.12-13.
October 20.43-44.
December 20.27-28.

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July 28.44.
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—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, June 22.

A fresh wave of selling sent prices of gilt-edged issues down again on Tuesday on the Stock Exchange. Industrials were irregular, iron and steel quiet. Small losses were widespread among oils. Kafirs were easier. Cable and Wireless dropped 4½%.

Financial Times' index 103.1.—Associated Press.

London, June 21.

The 44,780-ton liner Aquitania sailed from Southampton today for Halifax, Nova Scotia, with 1,370 emigrants, of whom 350 are Scots.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 22.

Wheat bounded upward and hit two dollars for the first time in a month. Reports of poor prospects in winter wheat sections encouraged buying. Wheat closed 2½ to 3½ higher.

July \$2.07-\$2.00 ½.
September \$2.01-\$2.01 ½.
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Corn ¼ lower to ½ higher. Oats unchanged to ¼ higher. Rye 2½ to 2½ higher. Soybeans unchanged to 1½ higher.—Associated Press.

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